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Weather Forecast

Cloudy, with scattered showers; light winds. Thursday: Cloudy; temperatures normal. Noon temperature: 44.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Hopeful And Happy



On the stroke of 12 tonight many people will kneel in prayer while others will burst forth into a wild round of merriment. On the twelfth stroke of the twelfth hour the world will be away on its spin for 1948. Prophets today, as they have done since man first tried thousands of years ago to peer into the unknown, are making forecasts of what is in store for the world. Some of their predictions are not pleasant. Tonight, however, the New Year, like young Peter Sallaway, shown above, literally bursting into the picture, will be happy, hopeful, vigorous and unafraid. But, like little Peter, it will be looking for guidance too. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Sallaway, 901 Empress Ave.

Romanian Royal Family Asks For 60 Passports; Ex-King Sees Premier

BUCHAREST (AP)—The Romanian royal family of ex-king Michael applied today for 60-passports to leave this newly-proclaimed "democratic republic."

Michael, who abdicated in a surprise move Tuesday, came back to Bucharest with his mother, former Queen Helen, from the royal castle at Mt. Sinaia, where they had spent the night.

The 26-year-old former monarch conferred for an hour with Dr. Petru Groza, premier of the Communist-dominated government.

Groza said in an interview that Michael was free to come and go as he pleases. He said that if Michael wants to go abroad he probably has personal reasons, hinting at the reported romance of Michael and Danish Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme.

Official Swiss sources said

they expected Michael would enter Switzerland. Princess Anne said in Copenhagen that she had received no direct word from Michael since he quit the Romanian throne. She went back to Denmark after a trip with Michael and his entourage recently from London to Switzerland.

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B. S. Heisterman, Of Pioneer Victoria Family, Passes

Bernard S. Heisterman, a native son and for many years one of the leading real estate men in Victoria, died early this morning at the age of 74 at the family residence, 915 St. Charles Street.

Eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Heisterman, pioneer Victoria family, Mr. Heisterman was educated at Central School and High School in Victoria, he carried on the real estate business established by his father in 1864. His mother was the first school teacher in Moodyville, on the mainland, which was settled before the city of Vancouver.

The family residence in Victoria was at the corner of Hillside and Douglas Streets, site now occupied by the Scott Building.

Mr. Heisterman, who was associated with the late James Forman in the firm of Heisterman, Forman & Co., retired from active business life several years ago. He was a life member of the Royal Colwood Golf Club and the Pacific Club, and was formerly a member of the Victoria Golf Club and the Union Club. He was a Mason.

Three sisters, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. R. E. Breit and Mrs. A. G. Smith and a brother, H. G. S. Heisterman, all well-known in the city, pre-deceased Mr. Heisterman. A son John, pre-deceased him in 1930.

The meteor moved in a great arc from north to south across the southeast sky at about 7:30 p.m., P.S.T.

Commercial airline pilots confirmed the sky spectacle.

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7 Kingdoms, 3 Principalities In Europe As 1948 Approaches

By Associated Press

The abdication of King Michael of Romania Tuesday left only 10 monarchies in Europe, where the business of kingship has been on the decline since the First World War.

There are seven kingdoms, two small principalities and one grand duchy in Europe.

King George VI still sits securely upon the throne of Britain, where all parties favor the monarchy, although the Communists frequently criticize it.

King Haakon VII rules in Norway, Queen Wilhelmina in the Netherlands, King Frederick IX in Denmark, King Gustav V in Sweden and King Paul I in Greece.

Belgium still has a monarchy, although King Leopold III is in exile in Switzerland. His brother, Prince Charles, is regent.

The Grand Duchess Charlotte reigns over little Luxembourg. Prince Louis II over Monaco and Prince Francis Joseph II over Liechtenstein.

Five monarchs lost their crowns in the upheavals of the Second World War.

King Umberto of Italy, who had succeeded to the throne on the abdication of his father, the late Victor Emmanuel III, in May, 1946, was ousted in a plebiscite a month later and has been living in exile in Portugal.

King Peter II of Yugoslavia stepped down when his country was proclaimed a republic under Premier Marshall Tito in November, 1945.

Simeon II of Bulgaria was ousted in a referendum in September, 1946. He was only nine years old at the time.

King Zog of Albania has not occupied this throne since 1939, when Mussolini's legions overran his country. The country was

proclaimed a republic in January, 1946.

Hungary, which had been a monarchy without a king before the Second World War, was proclaimed a republic in February, 1946.

Identify 'Virus X' As Just Influenza

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

The so-called "Virus X," which has

made 200,000 ill in Los Angeles in the last few days, has been

identified as "Type A" influenza, one of the most common and milder forms.

Dr. Wilton Halver-

son, state director of public

health, said Tuesday.

The Department of Health said it is clear from laboratory tests that Type A flu is present, but that there are, in addition, many cases of epidemic influenza called "two-day flu"—and of the common cold.

Los Angeles apparently has been the area hardest hit by the disease, but all of the ailments are being reported from many other parts of California.

Choir Entertained

Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir were entertained at a Christmas party Monday evening by Mr. C. C. Warren, organist and choirleader, and Mrs. Warren.

The Sunday school room of the church was decorated for the occasion, and during the early part of the evening games were played, followed by a supper served in the lecture room.

Guests of honor were Rev. J. L. W. McLean and Mrs. McLean and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.

Wallace Proposes Alternative Plan To Assist Europe

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Henry Wallace, independent candidate for the United States presidency, proposed Tuesday night a seven-point "Wallace Plan," financed by all countries "possessed of the means" and administered by the United Nations, to rehabilitate Europe.

The "Wallace Plan" includes:

1. A proposal from the U.S. to the United Nations for the establishment of a U.N. Reconstruction Fund.

2. Administration of the fund by an agency of the U.N. established for that purpose.

3. The fund to be "made up of contributions appropriated by our Congress and other nations possessed of the means in an amount sufficient to finance an over-all five-year plan."

4. Priority in the allocation of funds to be given to those countries "which suffered most severely from Axis aggression," with such allocations "based solely on these considerations of merit and need without regard to the character of the politics and social institutions of the recipient nations."

5. The allocation of funds "must be made with scrupulous respect for the national sovereignty of all beneficiary countries" and "there must be no political or economic conditions attached to loans or grants."

NO MONEY FOR ARMS

6. The entire fund "shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and no moneys shall be available to finance the purchase of military supplies, armaments or war preparations."

7. The German industrial heartland in the Ruhr Valley to be placed under international administration and control by the "Big Four" in order that its resources may be made available to aid in the reconstruction of Europe and "to guarantee that Germany shall never again be in a position to threaten the security of the world."



\$50,000 FIRE SWEEPS ELKTON, MD.—Half a million dollars' worth of the business centre of Elkton, Md., went up in smoke in a spectacular general alarm fire, shown here in an airview as firemen pour water on the flames. Two hotels and a theatre were among the businesses destroyed by the fire, which raged out of control for 16 hours.

New Year's Eve Ball At Empress Draws Crowd Of Merrymakers

The year 1948 will be ushered in with all the usual excitement and fun at the Empress Hotel New Year's Eve dance. There over 600 reservations have been taken for the occasion. There will be favors, noisemakers and a delicious supper with William Tickle's Empress Hotel orchestra playing all the old and new favorites for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid will also attend with a party of 10 friends. Among other large parties attending the ball will be those of J. G. Jones with 10 guests; Mrs. Homer Jackson with eight; J. G. Mitchell, nine; Mrs. E. M. Warren, eight, and G. W. Cooper with 10. W. Bestwick has reserved for 16 guests, and Mrs. S. Smith for 12; John Bowker will have eight friends with him, G. Y. Cooper 10, and B. Turner six guests.

Weather

Weather today and tomorrow, valid until midnight Jan. 1:

More than four inches of rain will fall on the West Coast, Vancouver Island, in the past 24 hours as the result of a Pacific storm now moving into the southern B.C. coastal areas. Strong winds which have buffeted the coastal waters will decrease by this afternoon.

Scattered snowflurries have occurred at several of the interior regions during the night. Cloudy skies have prevented any sharp drop in temperatures.

Rainfall on the coast will become shower during the day but unsettled weather is expected to continue through New Year's Day as moist Pacific air continues to pour into the province.

Afternoon temperatures will remain near normal in most areas.

Vancouver and vicinity—lower Fraser Valley—Intermittent rain this morning. Overcast with showers during afternoon becoming cloudy tonight. Cloudy with scattered showers Thursday.

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Georgia Strait—Continuous rain becoming intermittent this afternoon. Overcast with showers tonight and cloudy with scattered showers Thursday.

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Prince Albert	-7	3	.01
Swift Current	-3	10	.02
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Reds Urge Britain Revalue Currency, Abolish Rationing

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda suggested Tuesday that Britain could overcome her economic ills by reverting Russia's lead in abandoning rationing and revaluing her money.

The idea was put forward in a three-column front-page editorial in the Communist organ just three days after Britain and Russia concluded a short-term trade agreement which it has been intimated, may lead to a long-term pact next spring.

"Today in England," Pravda said, "they are not establishing economic order by the necessary financial reforms and by complete cancellation of the ration-

ing system, but they are instead applying all kinds of rationing which are progressively worsening the already difficult life of the broad mass of the population."

Pravda denied that there was any inflation in the Soviet Union. "The strengthening of the monetary system, the growth in production of consumer goods, the development of open Soviet trade with a reduction in prices," it said, "will make possible a further cutting of prices in the future—all of which will increase the realistic wages of the workers and the income of collective farmers. That's why we do not and will not have inflation."

The Russian government ended rationing in mid-December and simultaneously revalued the ruble in a move to halt inflation. Washington dispatches Sunday said that confidential reports to the State Department from the American Embassy in Moscow told of continued shortages and increasing prices despite these measures.



Lazar M. Kaganovich has been appointed deputy chairman of Russia's Council of Ministers—corresponding to our cabinet. Known as the "Iron Commissar" during the war, Kaganovich was one of the Soviet's wartime heroes, and is a powerful figure in U.S.S.R. hierarchy.

News of the Island

4 Months On Check Charge At Nanaimo

NANAIMO (CP)—William A. White, charged with passing worthless cheques, received a four-month prison sentence in police court here. He was convicted on three counts, and sentenced to four month concurrent terms on each.

Dies At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, 81, died here Monday at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. L. J. Blackmore. Surviving are three sons, Reginald of Victoria, Rowland of Vancouver, and Frank of Whonnock, and one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Blackmore.

Sooke Legion Dance

SOOKE Sooke Branch No. 54, Canadian Legion will hold its 21st annual New Year's Eve dance, in Sooke Community Hall from 10 to 3. The first Legion New Year's Eve dance was held in the old Sooke Hotel in 1927.

Porcupine Causes \$1,000 4-Car Crash

DAYTON, Wash. (AP)—Four motorists today were asking: "Why does a porcupine cross the road?"

The animal was doing just that (without giving answers) Monday night, state patrolman Clarence Ellis reported, when it was struck by a car driven by Reade Abel of Dayton. A second car, driven by Stanley Lott, Walla Walla, hit the first machine.

A following car driven by Edward Goldner, Walla Walla, pulled up short to avoid the mix-up, only to be hit by a fourth motorist.

Result: \$1,000 damage.

Ellis didn't say whether the porcupine reached the other side of the road.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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for you and . . .
ALL our friends.



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All Signs Indicate 1948 Prices To Top All-time U.S. Records

By Canadian Press

The last day of the year bears its quota of news favoring business and industrial stability as well as items of potential danger to the economic structure.

Important to Canadian price levels is the report from Washington that wholesale prices in the United States moved nearer to the all-time crest of May, 1920, and government economists say they can find nothing to indicate that 1948 prices will stop there. Further indications of mounting prices come from London with reports that the Danish-United Kingdom trade conference opened Monday, may result in higher prices for essential food imports.

The United States Anti-inflation Act calling for "voluntary" controls for industry in the fight against rising prices, signed Tuesday by President Truman, sets in motion machinery which it is hoped, will prevent severe price jumps.

Liquor Exports May Rise

Significant for the Canadian distilling industry is Washington's proposal to limit the use of grain by distillers. This, in conjunction with the Geneva trade agreements, which reduce the United States import duties on liquors, opens possibilities

for greater Canadian exports to the United States.

Growth of the Canadian newsprint industry and promise of further capacity expansion is seen in a survey which estimates a record of more than 4,396,000 tons for 1947 and increased capacity at an average of approximately 100,000 tons a year over the next three years to reach more than 4,650,000 tons in 1950.

The estimated production for 1947 represents an increase of approximately 1,137,000 tons or 34 per cent, within two years.

House-Building Down

Building contract awards in Canada for 1947 totaled \$718,137,100, an increase of \$34,700,000 over 1946. Heavy increases were noted in engineering and commercial construction, but housing and industrial building both were lower than during 1946.

Markets generally were firmer Tuesday, with New York, London, Toronto and Montreal showing moderate advances in the industrial sections. Base metals in Toronto reflected optimism in the industry's future earnings, prices moving sharply upward. Chicago and Winnipeg grains were noted in engineering and commercial construction, but housing and industrial building both were lower than during 1946.

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Wholesale Prices In U.S. Near Crest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wholesale prices in the United States edged nearer Tuesday to the all-time crest of May, 1920, and government economists say they can find nothing to indicate that 1948 prices will stop here.

With the exception of some items which slowed down the food group at least temporarily, wholesale prices on 900 commodities studied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics sailed unchecked past another postwar mark during the week ended Dec. 26.

An index figure of 162.5 was recorded for that date by the B.L.S., which uses average prices prevailing in 1926 as its 100, or normal wholesale level. In May, 1920, the bureau says prices averaged 167.2 per cent of the 1926 average.

Building contract awards in

U.S. Warns Other Nations Away From Atom Test Area Of Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP)—The coral islands where the United States will try out new atomic weapons.

The possibility of long-range peeping is pretty much confined to ships or submarines. Airplanes would have to travel so far to reach the area that it is unlikely that methods of unсанctioned observation might be attempted. Surface ships are too conspicuous.

Nazi Must Die

DACHAU, Germany (AP)—Hans Mooser, commandant of the Nazis' Nordhausen concentration camp, Tuesday was sentenced to death by a United States war crimes court, which also imposed sentences ranging from five years imprisonment to life on 14 of his confederates. It was the last war crimes case scheduled to be held before an American court here.

Lana Turner Easiest On Projectionists' Eyes

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—With almost everybody else conducting year-end polls on this and that, the theatre projectionists have finally spoken up and named Lana Turner as the feminine star "easiest to look at day after day."

Actress Turner received 85 per cent of the first place votes in the feminine star division in a poll of projectionists throughout the U.S. Results of the poll were announced here by Local No. 165 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, the projectionists' union.

Petrillo Summoned For Second Trial

CHICAGO (AP)—James C. Petrillo was called to trial for a second time Tuesday on a charge of violating the Lea Act by trying to compel a radio station to hire musicians which it contained were unneeded.

Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (A.F.L.), is accused by the government in an amended criminal information of attempting to coerce station WAAF, Chicago, to hire three musicians.

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Hans Van Meegeren, 57, a Dutch artist who foisted some of the world's art experts by faking old masters, died in a hospital Tuesday night of heart disease.

He was sentenced Nov. 13 to one year in prison on charges of fraud. The prosecution said he had signed the names of old masters as Vermeer and Pieter de Hooch to his paintings and sold them for approximately \$2,000,000.

Buyers included the late Hermann Goering and the Rotterdam Museum.

Soon after sentence was passed

Van Meegeren was taken to a hospital, where he remained suffering from heart trouble.

At the time of the trial the courtroom had the appearance of a picture gallery, with the paintings connected with the case hanging on the walls. Chemical and X-ray tests proved the paintings were not the masterpieces of some of the greatest 17th century artists they were represented to be.

Van Meegeren said he had painted the pictures not for the money, but to prove to the world that he was a great painter.

3 Stars Charged With Having Too Many Ducks

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Actors Clark Gable, Johnny Mack Brown and Frank Morgan are under orders to appear in justice court Saturday on citations accusing them of possessing more than the legal limit of ducks at an exclusive gun club near here.

State game warden Les Arnold Tuesday cited Gable for bagging 26 ducks, Morgan 13 and Brown 16 at the club last Sunday. State game laws limit a hunter to four ducks a day.

The girl was charged under the Female Refugee Act, Crown Attorney W. P. Clement said today. She will appear in court tomorrow.

Killed by shotgun blasts in the week-end tragedy were: Hugh Letson, 45, West Montrose farmer; Mary Letson, 40, his wife; Wilson Letson, 42, Hugh's brother; Percy Letson, 38, brother of Hugh and Wilson.

Policeman said the slayer, Walter Patrick Letson, 55, a cousin of the Letson brothers, killed himself with the same gun 15 hours later after drinking and brooding in the kitchen of the home 12 miles west of here. They said Walter believed Wilson Letson had replaced him in the affection of the girl.

Mr. Clement said that no definite decision had been made regarding an inquest into the five deaths but that it was unlikely any further investigation would be made.

The girl is reported to have told police that Walter sat on a kitchen chair throughout the night while forcing her to stay on a kitchen couch, where she slept. Later the girl told newspapermen that Walter went upstairs while she remained on the downstairs couch after the shootings.

Jet Bomber Flies At 20,000 Feet

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—Out on its third test flight, Boeing Aircraft Company's experimental jet bomber, the XB-47, Tuesday climbed to 20,000 feet, highest altitude it has reached to date, officials said.

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FORWARD INTO 1948

NOT SO VERY LONG AGO THE COMMUNITY known as Greater Victoria was credited in statistical data published in this and other countries with a population of a trifle more than 60,000. This counting of noses represented the tally of the city proper, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt. As we stand on the threshold of another year, however, it is permitted to announce to the world at large that these four civic entities, jointly, can boast of more than 100,000 souls. Here is a significant increase, not specifically as numbers predicate economic welfare and substantial promise, but more particularly because it would seem to indicate that type of expansion and development which will make for political and economic stability. But to achieve this objective it will be necessary for the people of this highly-favored section of Vancouver Island to make up their minds to pull together. Sectional differences and an unfortunate propensity to put local interests ahead of those policies which could redound to the benefit of the whole should have no place in neighborhood vision.

The arguments to which we refer in the foregoing are neither new nor novel. But a certain public apathy which all too frequently manifests itself in the relatively small number of qualified electors who go to the polls when an important public issue is involved emboldens us to revive this hoary discussion. One paramount example of lethargy, of course, is reflected by the apparent disregard on the part of the taxpayers of the Greater Victoria area of the need to make known in more definite terms their wishes regarding the plan to amalgamate the four municipal political entities now almost territorially indistinguishable. Because we have dealt with this matter in these columns so many times during the last decade, we do not propose at this stage to indulge in repetitive argument. We hope that the representatives elected by the people of the Greater Victoria area will try to devise some means of popularizing a policy the ultimate adoption of which should make for progress and prosperity in this part of Vancouver Island.

The foregoing observations may be parochial. But they furnish us with a preface to the wider discussion of the potentialities for economic expansion of the whole of British Columbia. Here again vital statistics should be considered. The census of 1941, for instance, placed the population of this great western province of the Dominion at approximately 817,860. The latest unofficial figures published at Ottawa, on the other hand, credited this province with slightly more than one million souls. This means, if it means anything, that not only has British Columbia retained a large proportion of those Canadians who came west to assist in various branches of productive effort essential to the nation's contribution to victory in the Second World War, but also that this specific area of the Dominion has been able to retain the great bulk of its natural increase. These facts alone should be sufficient to evoke that brand of local, provincial, and national policy calculated to develop still further those inducements to settlement and citizenship on which practical economic expansion inevitably must depend.

It will be obvious, of course, that we are trying to suggest to the people of this and other communities how important it is for them in their own interests and the interests of this great Dominion to eschew petty ideas in order that the broader concept of progress in all its aspects may be thoroughly understood and applied in the fullest practical sense. In other words, we can think of no better advice to give to the people of this neighborhood at this season than that they realize that self-help, personal initiative and community enterprise will return manifold dividends—and, with that idea in mind, we conclude with the time-honored wish for a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

ROYAL RETIREMENT

THE ABDICTION OF 26-YEAR-OLD KING

Michael I, in the face of what he described in his proclamation as "great political, social and economic changes in the life of the Romanian state," removes the last monarch from the countries which have become known as Russian satellites. Zog of Albania, Simeon of Bulgaria, and Peter of Yugoslavia had earlier lost their royal rights in favor of the Communist-dominated governments which took control following the Second World War. It is not quite a year since the Constituent Assembly of Albania, on Jan. 11, proclaimed the creation of a republic. King Zog, living in London, was not mentioned in the decree. On Sept. 8, 1946, Bulgarian citizens voted almost unanimously to oust 9-year-old King Simeon II and form a republic. The lad joined in Egypt his grandfather, ex-king Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who died last Sunday. Earlier, on Nov. 29, 1945, the Yugoslav government under Marshal Tito had proclaimed a republic and abolished the monarchy, ending the reign of Peter II.

Michael's seat on the throne had never achieved the security enjoyed by Royalty in a gag rule to stifle legitimate criticism.

some of the 10 remaining monarchies in Europe. He first became king at the age of six, when his father, King Carol, abdicated to pursue his romance with Mme. Lupescu. Carol later returned but was driven out of Romania during the Second World War, and Michael again ascended the throne. His reign was marked by his overthrow of the dictator, Ion Antonescu, in 1944, but since then has been made difficult by the rise of Communist forces as his country came within the Russian orbit. Michael's present decision to renounce his political responsibilities and seek happiness as a private citizen in marriage with Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme would appear to have relieved him of a position which was becoming intolerable. He took the stage in difficult and tumultuous times, and may find consolation in the fact that the collapse of his career as a ruler is matched by numerous contemporary examples of the premature fall of the curtain.

MAY HE HAVE TOLERANCE

WHETHER IT BE FOUNDED ON FACT or not, there is a popular belief that the traditional Chinese observance of their own New Year is marked by a repayment of personal debts and a symbolism indicative of wiping the slate clean for a fresh start on the ensuing 12 months. There is much to be admired in the concept. But in the civilized world as it exists today only a universal miracle could accomplish the equivalent result among peoples who have scores to settle with one another.

It is given to man to hope that 1948 may go down in history as a year of accomplishment in the rebuilding of accord between nations. It is given to man to dream, that within the course of the next four seasons some concrete start may be made in beating the proverbial swords into ploughshares. But the opening of the year gives no auspicious promise of that achievement. Open hostilities do not blaze with destructive violence, a corroding uneasiness tarnishes the vision of what might, under happier circumstances, be a bright tomorrow. A solution for the distrusts that create acrimony between nation and nation remains to be found.

And yet, among honest men and women, the realization still exists that decencies are shared by all peoples, irrespective of creeds, colors or nationalities. It is the misfortune of our times that the tendency today is to raise the telescope to the blind eye when looking for these characteristics in others. We and those with whom we could be friends are ever prone to magnify one another's faults, to minimize one another's virtues. In a world of varied shadings, we seek to establish definitions in black and white when only the extremes can be so depicted. Had man achieved perfection, he would find no difficulty in adhering to that which was right. Being imperfect, however, he must judge with compassion the evident imperfections of those about him. And while he should not be called upon to yield principles, before delivering verdicts on others, he must weigh his own right to pass judgment.

In the cartoons symbolizing the New Year, a small figure will appear wearing a sash inscribed "1948." May he so grow in strength that, vigilant to guard those things he holds dear, he still may find the courage and understanding to champion the cause of tolerance wherever that spirit needs succor in a sorely tried and uneasy world.

AND ON AND ON THEY GO

WITH A FINE APPRECIATION FOR THE excellence of some addresses of considerable length, the Ottawa Journal takes exception to the almost uniform praise bestowed by Canada's press on Mr. Speaker Fauteux' suggestion that under certain circumstances speeches in Parliament should not exceed 20 minutes, and, if read, not more than 10 minutes. As the well-known newspaper of the federal capital notes, many of the finer pieces of oratory could not have been accomplished within the limits proposed by Mr. Speaker.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that members who deliver speeches in the national forum have not the advantage of the platform speaker who has the day reserved to himself. They are preceded by some and followed by others; and to the listeners the spoken word too frequently becomes lost in waves of sound that wash over consciousness drugged by a surfeit of verbiage. In many instances the speeches become soporific, and meaning is submerged in a rolling tide of the human voice.

There are, of course, exceptions. Some masters of expression have the great capacity to hold interest, to introduce light and shade into their deliveries, to press home points with consummate skill and marshal argument in a way that keeps the listener alert. Their efforts might suffer from the truncation of a specified speech deadline. On the other hand, there are individuals who possess no such facility, but are equally inclined to use up time. And there is no way of differentiating before delivery between the good and the bad.

The question seems to be: Is it preferable to risk the loss of some that are good to ensure a reduction in the multitude that are bad, or should the latter be suffered in the hope of reward from those that are excellent? This, of course, is a matter of appreciation. It will be generally admitted that the actual conduct of the nation's business could be accomplished with far less oratory than at present pours forth onto the floor of the House. It must also be taken for granted that restrictions on the length of speeches should in no way become

Walter Lippmann

PRACTICAL WISDOM

AMERICANS CANNOT BUT feel how vast are the things they are called upon to do, and how human, all too human, are they who have to attempt them. Never before has so much been expected of any people who were not directly and immediately threatened—that consciously, deliberately, voluntarily, and in open debate, they should decide to use their power, their resources and their influence for the security, the pacification, and the rehabilitation of the whole world.

An action of this magnitude cannot conceivably be made to succeed unless it is planned with great wisdom. For the problems of the world are enormous; the power, the resources and the influence of the United States are limited. Practical wisdom, then, is the ability to judge rightly where the limited means at the United States' disposal can be used most efficiently—putting first things first, and distinguishing what is vital and urgent from what, though intrinsically important, is by comparison secondary.

TO DESCEND FROM generalities to the concrete, it may be said, I think, that the practical question is whether Secretary Marshall, who bears the responsibility, is to have his hand upheld in what he proposes to do, and whether his hand is to be forced when he deems it unwise to act.

What happened in Congress over interim aid for Europe and for China is a definite preview of the problem which Secretary Marshall will face on a much greater scale in the months to come. His hand was not upheld by the House of Representatives on the amount of aid to be given to France and Italy; his hand was forced on aid to China. Thus his judgment as to how the United States' limited resources can most wisely and efficiently be applied was overruled. The result is that France and Italy do not get enough to tide them over the winter, and China is offered a ridiculously insignificant sum.

IN THE MONTHS to come the fate of the European recovery program will also depend on whether the country upholds Secretary Marshall's hand and whether it refuses to let his hand be forced.

The money he is asking, though barely adequate for the job, is nevertheless a large sum in a peacetime budget. It must compete with tax reduction and it must compete with the inflation. Therefore, it will be difficult to persuade Congress to authorize and appropriate the whole sum. There will be a strong disposition to reduce the total amount.

AGAINST this reduced total, there will then appear many claims, put forward by earnest and zealous people, which would force Mr. Marshall's hand. Claims will be put in for China, for Greece, for Korea, for Iran—that is to say for all the weak countries around the periphery of the Soviet Union. In support of these claims Mr. Marshall and the state department will be asked embarrassing questions, reinforced by quotations from the President's message announcing the so-called Truman Doctrine, and from Mr. X's celebrated article on how to contain and frustrate the expansion of Soviet power.

These claims for aid and for intervention will be supported with arguments to show first that the sums involved are trifles compared with the needs of western Europe, and second, that a vital American interest is irreparably at stake. But the truth will be that the sums involved are not trifles, that as in Greece they are only a first installment on an incalculable amount.

THE REAL ISSUE will be whether to become entangled in all these places, and to be compelled, therefore, to deduct from the Marshall plan for Europe the amounts needed to implement the Truman Doctrine all around the border of the Soviet Union. At some point in this conflict of claims, the Secretary of State will have to define the choice to the American people, and ask for decision and a mandate.

For if his hand is not upheld in Europe and if his hand is forced in the Near East and in Asia, his policy will be torn apart; he will be committed and entangled everywhere and unable to achieve a result anywhere.

The difficulties confronting him are very great, and he will need the steadfast support of an enlightened people. He is entitled to that support. Some one will have to be trusted. Some one must make the judgments. Some one must in the end decide where available American means can best be applied.

Quoting

I imagine a warmerong is just someone Mr. Vishinsky doesn't like.—Hector McNeil, British Minister of State.

We do not wish or intend to be tied by economic strings to political policies of other countries, however friendly.—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Minister of Economics.

Disloyal and subversive employees must be removed from the federal payroll, but the government must not engage in a witch hunt.—President Truman

By this time it should be evident that the American public is capable of doing its own censoring.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

American imperialism wants to dominate the universe.—Jacques Duclos, French Communist Secretary.

In The Eye Of The Beholder



British Health Improved Despite Austerity

Condensed from Health Magazine

A PHENOMENON which has remained practically unnoticed during the economic crisis is the splendid state of health of the British people; Sir Wilson Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health called it "a miracle" in his report on health in Britain during the six years of World War II.

That was in 1945 and the "miracle" has continued into the age of the dollar scarcity, in which the British people are compelled to tighten their belts more than ever.

For example, the birth rate in Britain had been declining for decades and for the last normal year of peace, 1938, was a mere 15.1 per thousand inhabitants, but from 1943 on, with one exception, the curve rose sharply until for the first quarter

of 1947 it was 22.8, the highest rate for more than 30 years.

The death rate also shows

satisfactory development. It had

of course, been falling for many decades but the "miracle" was

that the war and postwar

conditions did not send the death

rate shooting up. In 1946 even

the record low figure for 1938

was beaten for only 11.5 of every 1,000 inhabitants.

Now let us look at the causes of this favorable trend. The trend is the result of British medical science, which has made great advances in many directions. Examples are the systematic development of maternity and child welfare, scientific food allocation and improved treatment of puerperal fever. Maternal mortality and infant mortality are lower than ever before, while

following the introduction of the campaign for the immunization of children, deaths from diphtheria in 1946 were the lowest ever recorded, and it is expected that the 1946 figure will be halved in 1947.

Another important wartime in-

novation was the use of mass

radiography to combat tubercu-

losis. In the period 1943-45, among

every 1,000 persons examined

three to four tubercular

cases were discovered in people

previously thought to be free of

the disease. Early discovery of

the disease has been largely re-

sponsible for the 1945 tubercular

death rate of only 23,995.

Now that complete figures are available, it appears that 1945 was the healthiest year on record and all indications point to the continuation of this trend through 1946 and 1947.

More Prizes Or Lower Prices?

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

COMPETITION, that half-forgotten relic of the buyer's market, is due to play a return engagement. That is the prediction of Modern Industry, which is a pretty reliable pulse-taking magazine of United States industrial management.

In its annual forecast of business prospects for the coming year, the publication has this to say: "Competition will get really rough. Manufacturers will turn on the heat—with more advertising, contests, premiums, demonstrators, fancier retail outlets, packages, displays and better-trained salesmen."

In another section of the forecast, the magazine predicts that the production manager's problems will be less difficult in 1948. "New equipment will be on the job, labor productivity is rising, materials-flow will be less erratic and management methods are smoother." Elsewhere, in discussing labor relations, the forecast states: "With less radicals across the bargaining tables, collective bargaining will be smoother."

Those two paragraphs may seem to have little connection. But let's take a couple of more

items of reading matter and see what it all adds up to.

A recent survey shows that many prospective automobile buyers are giving up in despair or disgust. A year ago, one out of three American car owners told the pollsters that they intended to turn their present auto on a new one. This year the proportion is one out of six. High prices and slow deliveries were the reasons given for the decline.

At the same time the trend toward "turning on the heat," in the manner described by Modern Industry, seems to have started. At least we notice that one automobile manufacturer has announced a contest with a six-figure payoff in cash and prizes.

The total cost of that contest won't mean much to a big industry, even figuring it probably will take more than the amount of the total premiums to advertise and run the show. But if the trend in competition is toward more ballyhoo, in and out of the auto industry, a lot of customers are going to be disappointed.

They are going to wonder what has become of the old-fashioned

competition practice of trying to market as good a product as one's competitor, at a lower price. Maybe it is a casualty of progress and the give-away radio quiz show.

If productivity is going up, if collective bargaining will be smoother, and 1948 methods and management more efficient, wouldn't it be nice if manufacturers gave thought to increased production and lower prices? They might entice back those discouraged would-be buyers of cars and other products.

That is an idealistic suggestion, we know. Basic industries like steel and coal aren't going to run prize contests or wrap their products in fancy packages. New wage demands and higher freight rates are in the offing. Aid to Europe is likely to cause some shortages. And even a general price reduction probably wouldn't have much effect on food costs.

Yet we think most people would like to see reviving competition take the form of price reductions instead of more winnow dressing. They might even settle for price stability.

Global Survey

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

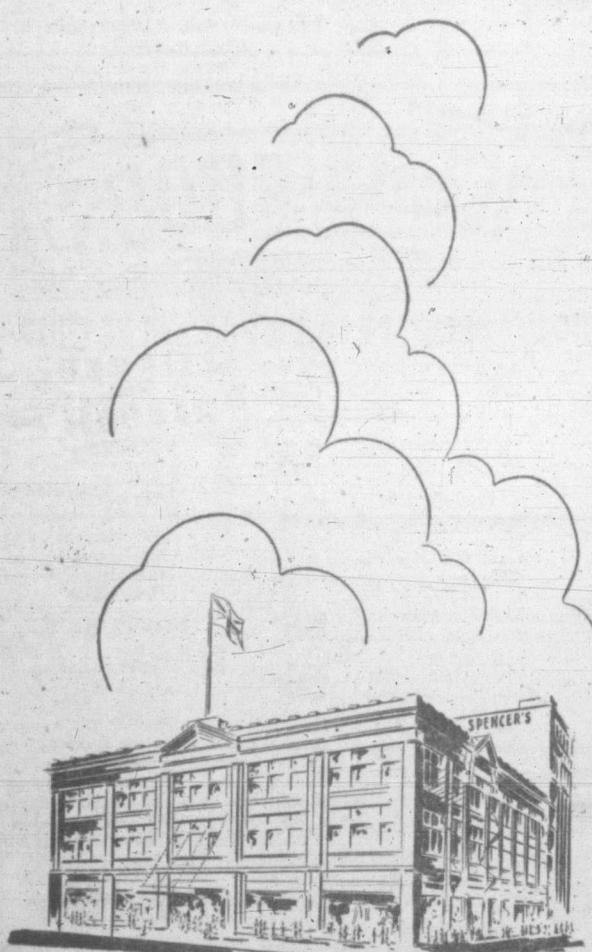
YOUNG King Michael's abdication of his throne has no mysterious significance, for Romania already was under the domination

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Island Gets Prominence In Neal's Annual Review

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway intends to continue rendering the services to the nation for which it was established but it must be realized that this can be done only to the extent to which it is possible to provide them on a sound economic basis, W. M. Neal, C.B.E., chairman and president of the company, said in a year-end statement today. Development work on Vancouver Island figured prominently in his review.

"In common with all other Canadian corporations and with all Canadians as individuals, the C.P.R. during 1947 was faced with and is still facing steadily increasing costs in materials and wages," he said.

"There are no indication that this particular trend will change in the immediate future. In fact, there are indications that this upward trend will continue in 1948.

"Increases in costs which were

laid before the Board of Trans-

port Commissioners early in 1947 have been aggravated since then.

"Demands for payroll increases alone, which are excessive, if acceded to, would add over \$60,000,000 to the annual expenses of the company. It is an added expenditure that the company cannot possibly meet under present revenue conditions.

"The full 30 per cent increase in freight rates, which the Board of Transport Commissioners is considering would not come near meeting it."

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Neal praised the "preliminary steps taken by the federal government to develop a flow of suitable immigration into Canada." The Canadian Pacific had purchased the former German liner *Hauscaran* which is being refitted and which, renamed the *Beaverbrae*, will carry 800 immigrants to this country each trip in 1948.

The Canadian Pacific fleet is being re-established as a major Atlantic carrier. The Empress of Canada is already in service and will be joined next spring by the Duchess of Bedford which is being converted into the Empress of Scotland.

Four fast cargo liners are now in operation while two

mixed passenger and cargo ships complete the Atlantic fleet.

"Plans for further expansion of the Canadian Pacific fleet include new passenger liners to be built when construction costs reach a level which will permit building on a sound basis," Mr. Neal said, although two ships are now being completed in the United Kingdom for the British Columbia coastal fleet operating out of Victoria, B.C.

In the railroad field, the C.P.R. placed orders during the past year for \$47,000,000 worth of equipment "with particular emphasis on freight cars and motive power to speed the movement of Canadian products for export as well as to meet domestic needs."

The Canadian Pacific is carrying exhaustive tests with diesel locomotives to determine whether diesel power can be used effectively under Canadian conditions. A Canadian Pacific subsidiary, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island is using diesel power exclusively.

AIRLINES

"Canadian Pacific Airlines, principally a network of north south routes, maintained its position in 1947 as one of the important air passenger and cargo carriers."

A new route opened was that from Vancouver through the Okanagan and Kootenay valleys to Calgary. The company covers 5,370 miles of licensed routes.

B.C. IMPORTANCE

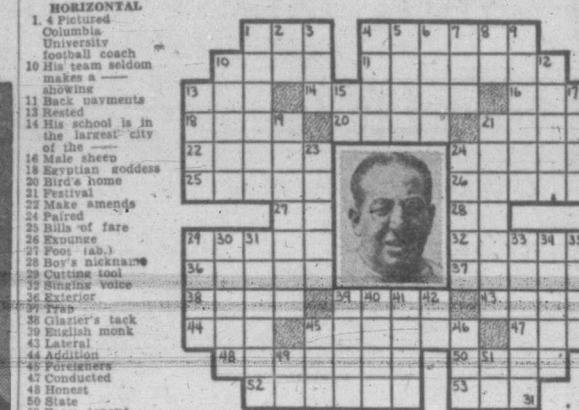
"In the railway field in Canada, the major development in the operation of the railway was the setting-up of three operational regions—eastern, prairie and Pacific—to replace the former two main divisions of eastern and western lines," Mr. Neal said. "Primarily the new organization sets up the province of British Columbia, with its ever increasing importance in the Canadian economy, as a distinct region, and strengthens the control of the prairie region with its vast grain-producing areas and growing industrial centres."

"Looking at the general picture, it must be evident that the company's activities during 1947 which have included the preparation of comprehensive plans for further expansion in 1948 and less tangible preparations for further increase in facilities and operations in later years, have been on a scale adequate to the opportunities presenting themselves. There has to be a note of caution," Mr. Neal said. He referred to postponement of the building of new passenger liners until the general cost situation is clearer, and "that consideration is bound to affect all the company's expansion plans."

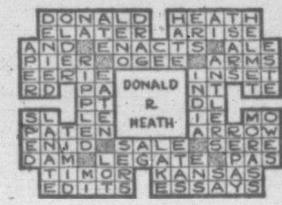
"Plans for physical improvements are of little use if they cannot be carried out for the lack of funds with which to finance them. The greatest confidence in the undoubtedly opportunities for the growth of Canada as a nation would not justify the undertaking of costly projects unless these could be justified by more than vague hopes of the future."

The Canadian Pacific Railway has made great contributions to the economic development of Canada. It is the intention of the management to make sure that the company at no point fails to render the services

Today's Crossword Puzzle



(Answer to previous puzzle)



T.C.A. Chalks Up 50% Increase In Passengers Carried in 1947

MONTREAL (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines added more than 1,200 miles to air routes during 1947 and passenger traffic increased by 50 per cent over the previous year, W. F. English, vice-president in charge of operations, said in a year-end statement.

More than 16,250,000 miles were flown and the volume of air cargo also increased by 35 per cent. On the other hand, mail loads were only slightly larger.

The lack of noticeable increase in air mail added to heavily increased operating expenses, due not only to the expansion program but to rising costs of materials and higher wage rates, had an adverse effect on the company's net earnings.

ROUTE SHORTENED

Mr. English said the opening of a new line between Toronto and Winnipeg across Lake Huron to Sault Ste. Marie and across Lake Superior to Port Arthur considerably shortened the trans-continental line.

Mr. English praised the Canadian-built North Star 40-passenger planes put in trans-Atlantic service this year and which will be used on domestic lines in 1948.

In domestic service, Trans-Canada carried 440,000 passengers in 1947; 2,500,000 pounds of mail and 1,500,000 pounds of cargo.

Over the Atlantic, 15,000 passengers were carried; 140,000 pounds of mail and 230,000 pounds of cargo. Charter flights were operated across the ocean to bring immigrants to Canada;

Expect Early Sale Of Princess Alice

Name New Manager For C.N. Telegraphs

Henry Jones has been appointed manager for Canadian National Telegraphs in Vancouver, it was announced today by A. P. Linnell, general superintendent for the company. Mr. Jones was formerly manager at Calgary and will succeed Roscoe W. Ball, who has been appointed special representative for the company with headquarters in Vancouver.

The Canadian Pacific is carrying out exhaustive tests with diesel locomotives to determine whether diesel power can be used effectively under Canadian conditions.

A Canadian Pacific subsidiary, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island is using diesel power exclusively.

To Use V.M.D. Plant For More Bus Storage

A large building at the Bay Street yard of Victoria Machinery Depot Co. Ltd. is being made ready to house buses in order to overcome the problem of overcrowded conditions at Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd.

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TEA, Blossom, 10-lb. pkt	86¢
COFFEE, Jameson's, 1-lb. pkt	50¢
PORK AND BEANS, Happyvale, 15-oz. tins	2 for 31¢
CATSUP, Crosse and Blackwell, bottle	23¢
CLAM CHOWDER SOUP, Campbell's, 30-oz. carton	2 tins 31¢
PEAS, Lynn Valley, 20-oz. tins	25¢
SULTANAS, California, 2-lb. bag	41¢
CURRENTS, Sun Maid, 11-oz. pkt	18¢
HONEY, Alberta, 30-oz. carton	71¢
PEAS, Lynn Valley, 20-oz. tins	2 for 23¢
TOMATO JUICE, Aylmer, 20-oz. tins	2 for 25¢
MIXED VEGETABLES, Libby's, 20-oz. tins	35¢
TOMATOES, Sunbeam, 28-oz. tin	22¢
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LEAVE CITY FOR HILLSIDE 2.30 a.m.
LEAVE CITY FOR SOUTH FAIRFIELD 3.00 a.m.
LEAVE CITY FOR HAULTAIN and MT. TOLMIE 2.00 a.m.
LEAVE CITY FOR THOMPSON-UPLANDS AND CADBRO BAY 2.40 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Veterans Soon 'On Own' Will Need Citizens' Help

It is more than two years now since the Germans and Japs quit to end the Second World War and while citizens' rehabilitation committees across the length and breadth of the country have done an excellent job in the re-establishing of many of the more than 1,000,000 veterans back on "civvy street" their services are still greatly required.

W. S. Woods, deputy minister of Veterans' Affairs, paints a good picture of why the services of the rehabilitation councils, veterans clubs, and the public generally is needed in 1948 and future years.

"The reason for this is that we are now entering on what may well be a testing period for the entire rehabilitation program," he says.

The initial stage of the formula to fit soldiers, sailors and airmen back into the business and employment fields as designed in the rehabilitation scheme, has been successful.

Veterans have demonstrated with help their ability to accept their peacetime responsibilities, but with the coming of the new year, the "umbrella" which since discharge has given the ex-serviceman protection against unforeseen circumstances, will be largely withdrawn, the deputy minister warned.

VETERANS SOON 'ON THEIR OWN'

"In other words, the time is drawing near when the veterans will be more and more on their own as far as legislative aids are concerned. For instance, very few are still eligible for out-of-work benefits as most have been discharged beyond the 18-month statutory period, and the end of 1947 brings the ending of the right to apply for vocational training and for awaiting returns allowances, with few exceptions."

The situation boils down to the fact that no longer in most cases can the Department of Veterans' Affairs provide a cash answer for problems which may arise in the future.

Mr. Woods notes that up to now, veterans re-establishing themselves in civilian life have been sailing with a pretty fair wind. While there is no present indication of any recession, if one should come, unquestionably many veterans will be adversely affected.

Few of them have been employed sufficiently long to attain any seniority in their positions, or with labor organizations. Many of them are still learning peacetime skills.

Should there be any measure of seasonal unemployment, the veteran will need a friend in his own home town.

He points to the millions of dollars in credits and personal funds veterans have poured into establishing businesses of their own "and they have done exceptionally well, chiefly because it has been a seller's market. They have not yet had the business education that comes with plotting a business through difficult times."

These veterans will need assistance in buying, merchandising and keeping accurate business records. This can only be done on the community level," Mr. Woods said.

JOBS FOR OLDER VET PROBLEM

He notes the continuing problem of the older veteran. Each year in the immediate future will see 25,000 Canadians who served in the armed forces attain the age of 45—a difficult employment age.

The department's recent campaign to secure work for jobless older veterans has shown the real assistance a strong community organization can be in educating employers of labor to the work capacity of the older men.

There are still thousands of disabled veterans who have not yet come on the labor market. They will require a specialized form of assistance. In training and educational institutions there is still a very large group who have not yet entered the employment stream and they, too, will need the counsel and perhaps the active assistance of their fellow citizens."

The deputy minister said his unit was entering a period in departmental affairs where the veteran who has had difficulty adjusting to civilian life is becoming a greater part of the departmental work.

To meet the peculiar problem these ex-servicemen present, the department has organized a Social Service Division to co-ordinate departmental efforts with established social service agencies.

Already the S.S.D. has found citizens' committees of inestimable value.

"It is realized that with the mass job done, there is perhaps little need for regular monthly or semi-monthly meetings. How-



Confined To Beds Veterans Face '48 Cheerfully

As 1947 comes to a close, a visit to the Victoria Veterans' Hospital, the fine \$1,000,000 institution on Riordon Avenue up-to-date with every modern convenience—finds many veterans of the two world wars' front lines on land and sea and in the air still confined to bed from wounds sustained in the service.

While a big majority are only temporary patients, hospitalized for recurrence of trouble from wounds or sicknesses suffered while in uniform, there are also some war veterans of both conflicts who have never left their beds of pain, may not for a long time to come—or never.

The present patient population of 171 includes "Old Sweats" of the army who can tell stories of battle back to the days of Queen Victoria's reign... patients who, since the hospital opened this year, have ranged in former service ranks from private to general—but today rank is not known, all titles being "Mister."

One veteran who for a time was a patient in the hospital wrote the Department of Veterans' Affairs and paid a glowing tribute for what is being done for those who suffered wounds and sickness due to service, as he viewed it first hand, and to the attitude of those veterans whose lives have been permanently blighted by war.

"I found many of the gallant nurses and doctors, orderlies and others on the staff who knew what it was to land on assault beaches and put up with some of the same trials and tribulations borne by the fighting troops.

THEY WHO ARE AMONG US'

"Here the aim obviously is to do, everything possible for 'they who are among us,'" he wrote.

He speaks of the visits of kindness and good cheer by the ladies of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, women's auxiliaries of veterans' organizations, concert parties and others.

"If there are those among us who find that their lot in life... is not up to the standard they wish, I would ask them to move among the beds here and see at first hand youth who fought well and came home to carry on with a cheerful grin which shows through their pain, fully aware that the bed is their lot in life but comforted with the knowledge that everything possible is being done to aid them in their distress."

The veteran believes the Canadian veteran can consider himself well blessed because at the D.V.A. hospital one finds the spirit of kindness in action and all that medical science can command, for their relief.

"May it endure—down through the years," he urged "for these are 'The Valiant' who counted cost, knew their chances and took them and now suffer stoically... so let us not grumble with our lot in life."

"These are men, men Canada can be justly proud of. For those who have 'crossed over' we can do little but remember them at dawn and with the setting of the sun."

"But for those who are still among us, we can silently pray for their recovery and think a while on the absolute futility of war," he concluded.

Miss Muriel Scott came up with some figures to show how many families the council has housed in the emergency homes. The figure now reads 302, these at Gordon Head, Macaulay Point, Colwood, Moresby House and the Belmont Building, the largest number at Gordon Head, 103, more suited to be fixed up at the rate of two or three a month there. There are 83 families at Macaulay.

The Canadian Legion Tillicum Camp and the Topas Avenue huts handled by the city lodge, 61 other families of ex-servicemen.

ever, there is still a very real need for a group of organized citizens in all key communities to whom the department may turn for assistance with individual problems which may arise—such as the acute problem of housing."

Certain committees, no longer working actively, have notified the D.V.A. they are prepared to reactivate themselves on call.

The majority, however, have realized there is still a worth-while job to be done... the opinion of the Department of Veterans' Affairs certainly supports this 100 per cent."

STILL 158 UNPLACED

Miss Scott said there are still 158 unplaced families on the council's list. "There were 51 new housing applications alone in December." While at the start of the year work of the council staff embraced problems confronting the veterans in the overall rehabilitation scheme, during the last six to eight months arranging for housing has been the chief demand from the council.

Miss Scott noted the council's business appraisal panel,



War veteran Maj. Fred Richardson, famous Bisley shot, suffering from a stroke, was snapped in the occupational therapy department in charge of Nurse J. E. Bradshaw. He is cutting wool used in hooking for rugs made in this section of the hospital. Mrs. Bradshaw pointed out all the crafts done in the department are for remedial purposes.



Thomas Hogg, formerly of the prairies and now with the B.C. Power Commission, getting near the dip-patient class after treatment for a severe attack of asthma. Adjutant of the engineers' training centre at Regina and Dundurn and with Maj.-Gen. W. W. Foster in the Alaska Highway sector during the war, Mr. Hogg was listening to a radio program via earphones. Every bed in the hospital has a similar radio set-up. Four stations can be tuned in to a central unit on the main floor.

During his most recent up-ant to be a very necessary link between the veteran and the department, the veteran and the department have been fortunate in having such sincere understanding men and women to assist them."

The council's record shows that 2,500 veterans have passed through the office on matters covering a wide range of the rehabilitation program this year.

Mr. Palmer noted the council keeps in close contact with D.V.A.'s Casualty Rehabilitation Section as there were special problems for the citizens' group to cope with in this branch.

The energetic secretary said he hoped the veterans would retain their confidence in the council and continue to call at the Post Office Building fourth-floor office about their problems.

"We will always do our best to steer them onto the right road." Mr. Palmer was particularly gratified with the attitude of the great majority of veterans and wives who come to see them. "We have only had difficulty with 2 per cent of them," he said.

"I see the advisory committees

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Crystal Garden New Year's Eve Dance To Have Happy Crowd

A special innovation at the Crystal Garden on New Year's Eve will see the public address system extended to allow dancing on the floors at either end of the pool. Reservations, completed as far back as the middle of October, include Mr. and Mrs. W. Sorenson with a no-host party, Mr. and Mrs. John Kissinger, Mr. and Mrs. Art McKibben, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lea, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rankin, Misses Doreen Kent-Fox, Mary Kerr, Evelyn Moore, Mrs. Nora Whitehouse, Messrs. Colin Tyrrell, Les Bridge, Trevor Lee and Norman Hepworth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Framer will be host and hostess to a party of 30, including Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neuman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noble Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McMicking, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hourigan, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Scroggs, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Currie, Miss Hazel Leden and Mr. Ken Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lacey will be in a party with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Don Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goodsell, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Constable, Mr. and Mrs. Bell Lindenback, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stone will be in their party, Mr. and Mrs. R. Belaire, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dziel, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lapp, Misses E. Kerr, S. Grice, E. Gahn, J. Gibson, M. Bradshaw, M. Becker, K. Taylor and Misses J. Smith, A. Davies, C. Watkins, D. Patterton, D. Stuart, G. Holland, B. Hoskyn and J. Rossiter.

Engagements

The marriage between Miss Jane Claribel Charlesworth, daughter of Mrs. W. F. Gold, and Mr. Ralph Karl Powell of Victoria son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Powell of Powell River, will be solemnized on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948, in the Anglican Church, Sidney, B.C., at 8 p.m.

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Following their return from a honeymoon on the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. William Ernest Webster, who were married in St. John's Church Dec. 20, plan to make their home at Happy Valley. Mrs. Webster is the former Diane St. Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sinclair, 1228 Oxford Street.

Colwood Golf Club Welcomes New Year

Colwood Golf Club, bright with greenery and seasonal decorations will see a gay crowd of members and friends gather to welcome in the new year. There will be dancing and a buffet supper at midnight with noise-makers and favors to add to the merriment.

Among those who will attend will be Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Ditchburn accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams with Mr. and Mrs. Noel Robinson of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rumsey; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Croft and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Croft, Sr., in a party of six.

Among no-host parties will be that of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hunnings, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Green and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hendry; Mr. Doug Hunter, Miss Mary Englehardt, Mr. Earl Morrison and Miss Marion Millar; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gumbert, Miss Phyllis Taylor, Miss Phyllis Wakefield, Mr. Ross Welsh and Mr. Jim Pildesly.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arsenas will be hosts at a cocktail party at their Beach Drive home prior to the Colwood dance. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. K. Severson, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brayshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. Yeaton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Clark will have in their party Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon Lough, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw, Miss Barbara Shaw and Mr. Neville Cawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John McCormac will join Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Souther, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Souter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jaggard and Mr. and Mrs. R. Roily Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Okell will entertain with a party which they will have in their party, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Young, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Golby, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrington and Mr. J. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. D. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams will be in a party of six.

Capt. Germain, Lieut. and Mrs. Germain and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have made up a party, also Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alexander and Mr. Bob Davies.

Others who will attend the Colwood dance include Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Heale, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Orick Winter, Mrs. Viola McPhee, Mrs. Sylvester, Mr. Tom Armstrong and Mr. Van Allen.

Club colors in blue and white streamers with balloons and decorative motifs on the walls, have been used in the lounge at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club for the annual New Year's Eve dance. Dave Fern's orchestra will supply dance music. There will be a supper served with the usual favors and noisemakers to welcome 1948.

Commodore Andrew Wright and Mrs. Wright will have in their party, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Young, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Golby, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrington and Mr. J. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. D. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams will be in a party of six.

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New Year Messages Present Wishes For All Women



Mrs. Byron Johnson, wife of the newly-named Premier of the province, already affectionately known to many as "Mrs. Boss," expresses the great wish of all when she writes:

"I welcome this opportunity to extend to the women of British Columbia my sincere and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. May we hope and pray that in the year which lies ahead the strife and misunderstanding which exists among other nations be removed and the peace and happiness which is our good fortune will in some measure be enjoyed by the troubled peoples of this unsettled world."

Mrs. Herbert Anscomb, wife of Hon. Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Finance, speaks of service as a mighty force for good in 1948:

"I appreciate very highly the opportunity given me to extend to the women of my native province, hearty good wishes for 1948.

"In doing so, I am not unmindful of the great benefits that we, as women, enjoy in this favored land, in comparison to those of our sex in less fortunate climes. In a world in which peace and harmony should be the most important human requirement, we find it practically nonexistent because, turn as we may to any section of the globe, other than this continent, misery of some kind or other is to be found.

"The women of British Columbia, down through the years, have taken their place in politics, business, the professions, organization for welfare and the home, and the benefits we have given and obtained by that desire to serve, in whatever capacity it may be, has been returned a hundred fold.

"So, to all the thousands of women in our beloved province, I express the hope that, banded together in our own fields, be it country, city or hamlet, we can extend our service for good—so that in 1948, no matter how little or how much we may do individually, or collectively, the result will be a better and brighter province for the 'service' we have rendered."

Mrs. Kenneth Drury, president of the Women's Canadian Club in Victoria urges women to rededicate themselves to the wider outlook and enrichment of their individual lives:

"It is fitting at the turn of the year for each of us to give thought to how far we are living up to our obligations that come within the sphere that we have marked out for our activities.

"We should take advantage of the New Year's incentive to dedicate 'ourselves afresh' to whatever will contribute to the expansion of our own horizons and to the enrichment of our communal as well as our individual lives. To this end let us strive to keep alive the spirit of good will and brotherly love that has been so abundantly exemplified during the holiday season through which we have just passed."

Mrs. Bertha Parsons, president of the Local Council of Women, representing over 45 women's organizations in Victoria, asks that women have greater confidence in their combined powers for good:

"My New Year's wish for the women of Victoria is twofold: First, for the possession of belief in the ultimate power of good and second—for confidence in themselves to exercise their own unused power in righting wrongs which blight the lives of people today. Only then can we expect to enjoy true peace."



Mrs. Percy E. George, wife of Victoria's mayor has the community's well-being in her thoughts:

"As the New Year approaches it is a pleasure indeed to take this opportunity of extending New Year greetings to the women of Greater Victoria. May your desire be such and your blessings many as to permit your time and energy to carry on your excellent endeavors toward community well-being and in so doing find health and contentment during 1948."

Mrs. Gordon McG. Sloan, wife of the Hon. Chief Justice of British Columbia, also has a thought for the peoples of the world as she expresses the old-time meaning of New Year's greetings:

"In past days when the pattern of living reached into a well-ordered future, the greeting 'A Happy New Year' carried with it a simple message of good cheer.

"In these troublesome times the phrase is heavy with a greater meaning.

"It means to millions of people the essentials of food and clothing and shelter.

"It means the lifting of menacing clouds of distrust, suspicion and fear shadowing the spirits of those whose daily living brings to them the constant reminder of the devastation that an arbitration of war exacts in full and bitter measure.

"It means peace to peoples suffering in lands agonized and torn by internal strife.

"So when we greet our own friends with the old wish, let us remember, too, those others whose hearts yearn with a shining hope for 'A Happy New Year' in all its true meaning."

Mrs. Athalie Frazier, secretary of the Women's Undergraduate Society, Victoria College, with all the exuberance of youth, approaches her New Year's wishes in a novel and original manner:

"I hereby resolve," say thousands every New Year's Eve—but exactly how many ever carry out their good intentions? Who knows, perhaps this year will be different. Nevertheless, here are a few of those hopeful introductions that never quite work out.

"Resolved primarily by all good college students to study each lecture every night and to read summer reading in the summer.

"Resolved by every steno to catch the early morning bus in order to be at the office on time, and to lacquer her fingernails at home.

"Resolved by each and every semi-fanatic fisherman to put tackle, flies and all rigamarole applicable to that sport, in order, before the next season.

"Resolved by all little boys with dogs, to feed them on time before their hungry pet chews tradesmen's, postman's and innocent bystanders' legs.

"Resolved by everyone with an alarm clock and a sleepy personality to set the morning alarm.

"Resolved by husbands to hang their overcoats in the closet before their wives have a chance to tell them to do so.

"Resolved by all to start their next Christmas shopping this month instead of wallowing through the crowded department stores the week before Christmas.

"It is perhaps the younger generation who makes the most bright-eyed resolutions and who remembers about them when they fall. With experience and the addition of a few years, they will probably find, unless the fountain of youth is shortly discovered, that it is better not to form resolution-requiring habits, then to break them, in order to achieve a happy New Year."

"Finally above all else, I hope that the coming year will bring the answer to that prayer in which every thinking person will join tonight: 'Give peace in our time, O Lord!'

Mrs. C. Eva Ford, representing the many chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, as regent of Municipal Chapter quotes from an address given by the Princess Elizabeth: "On behalf of the members

of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire in Victoria, I extend greetings to all the citizens of this city, who by their generosity have so greatly helped the order in all its objectives through the war and peace years.

"To express my heartfelt good wishes to the women of Victoria for 1948—may I be permitted to quote from the speech made by Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her 21st birthday last April. If we all go forward with an unwavering faith, a high courage and a quiet heart we shall be able to make of this ancient Commonwealth which we all love so dearly an even grander thing, more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers. To accomplish this we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves."

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Wallace Campaign Seen As Increasing Democrat Activity

WASHINGTON (AP)—A return of Democratic Party machinery to "regular" control in key political states was forecast today by Senator John Sparkman (Dem.-Ala.) after Henry A. Wallace's independent bid for the presidency of the United States.

Sparkman, who headed the Congressional speakers' bureau in the 1946 campaign, said he believes Wallace's third party campaign will have the "healthy effect" of increasing Democratic Party activity.

Sparkman said he thinks the Democrats relied too strongly on American Labor Party help in New York in the past. The A.L.P. may endorse Wallace, but in doing so would lose a large segment of its strength by the departure of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who oppose a third party.

Wallace, meanwhile, continued his way on a presidential campaign which, officially at least, has a six-month jump on either of his major party rivals. They will not be chosen until later in the year.

Where any third party ticket would get its official start remained in doubt. Some pointed to the organization meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America, scheduled for Jan. 16 in Chicago, as a possible base.

With or without a formal ticket, Wallace seemed likely to get on the ballot in key states. If he gets the A.L.P. endorsement in New York, he will need no further action there.

Although the third party's financial outlook apparently is not bright, Wallace himself says he is not worried about money.

Writing in a New Republic editorial, which also announced his resignation as editor, he said:

"I know that we shall get millions of dollars donated by housewives, stenographers, professional people, workers and shop stewards, and others who will work with a devotion big money can't buy."

Report On Stars To American Centre

Dr. J. A. Pearce and Dr. Elsa Van Dlen of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain have forwarded their findings as to the speed of the Pleiades star cluster — commonly known as the Seven Sisters — to the American Astronomical Society's headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

From studies conducted during the summer and autumn months, the two astronomers have ascertained the speed of rotation in the cluster varies from 80 miles per second to 135 miles per second.

The sun rotates only about one and one-half miles per second while the earth goes around 15 miles per second.

The two Dominion astronomers based their calculations on the width of spectral lines around the stars in the cluster.

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Fire To End Career Of City Tug Sadie

The veteran coastal tug Sadie, first of the Victoria Tug Co., Ltd. fleet, is to be burned. Commissioned at the beginning of World War II, the 70-foot Sadie is now tied up near the Point Hope Shipyards in the Inner Harbor awaiting her end.

The tug was built by William J. Stephens in 1892 at Spratt's Wharf, where Manning Lumber Mills Ltd. is now located. Her engines were built here by the Albion Iron Works but have been removed.

During her service on this coast she earned a considerable reputation for herself and carried granite foundation stones for the Legislative Buildings from Haddington Island in the Gulf of Georgia. She was also the vessel which discovered a gold-laden U.S. ship returning from the Klondike gold rush of 1897 and 1898 and lost in a heavy fog in the Juan de Fuca Strait. Throughout her coastal service, she operated out of Victoria to Vancouver Island points and the mainland.

168,397 Vehicles Licensed In B.C.

Six hundred and thirty-one new commercial and 1,362 new passenger vehicles were registered in British Columbia during November, bringing the total number of licensed vehicles in the province to an all-time record of 168,397.

On Nov. 30, 1946, there were 142,365 private passenger and commercial vehicles registered.

Report of the motor-vehicle office showed today that the province's motorcycle registration at the end of last month was 4,255, compared with 2,888

at the corresponding date of 1946. Also registered at last month-end were 9,315 trailers, compared with 8,046 on the same day of last year.

At the same time the office reported the number of British Columbians licensed to drive motor cars at an all-time high of 244,742—an increase of 27,148 over the corresponding date of 1946.

The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Notice To Saanich Residents

Commencing January 2nd, 1948, services at the Victoria Public Library will again be available to residents of Saanich.

JOHN B. TRIBE,

Clerk of the Corporation of the District of Saanich

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City of Victoria Water Bills may be paid on Saturdays at McCall-Davey Drug Store Corner Douglas and Pandora

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Chief Events Of Year 1947 Throughout World

By Canadian Press

JANUARY

1—Nationalization of British coal mines effective.

2—Violence flares in Jerusalem.

4—Vast storm in Pacific over 250,000 square miles, causes property damage, no casualties.

5—Forty-three killed when Chinese airliner crashes near Tsingtao.

7—U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes resigns, effective Jan. 10.

13—Privy Council in London upholds projected bill to make Supreme Court of Canada final court of appeal in Dominion.

15—Britain and France to conclude military alliance.

16—Vincent Auriol elected first President of Fourth French Republic.

17—Texts of peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Finland released by Big Four Council.

21—Gen. George C. Marshall sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State.

31—British women and children ordered evacuated from Palestine.

FEBRUARY

4—Evacuation convoys of British women and children move out of Jerusalem.

6—Ellen Wilkinson, 55, minister of education in British Labor government, dies at London.

10—Four million jobless in British fuel crisis, drastic electricity cuts put into effect; peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland signed by Allies.

12—Wartime co-operation of Canada and United States for North American defence to be continued during peace.

15—Fifty-three killed when Colombian airliner crashes on El Taplazo Cliff en route from Barranquilla to Bogota.

17—British royal family lands at Capetown.

18—British government to refer Palestine problem to United Nations' General Assembly.

19—Poland and France sign five-year "friendship and cultural agreement."

20—British government to leave India by June, 1948.

25—Russia approves United States control of 623 Pacific islands formerly Japan's; Deputies of foreign ministers end six-week conference in London without agreeing on German peace treaty procedure.

MARCH

1—Premier T. V. Soong, resigns at Nanking.

2—Martial law imposed on more than 250,000 Jews in Palestine.

3—Jewish underground Irgun Zvai Leumi, declares open warfare in Palestine; Stalin succeeds as minister of armed forces by Marshal N. A. Bulganin.

4—Fifty-year alliance signed by Britain and France.

7—One hundred and sixty-five killed, 463 injured in three-day rioting in Punjab.

10—Four-power Foreign Ministers' conference on Germany and Austria starts at Moscow.

12—President Truman outlines new foreign policy and requests \$480,000,000 to aid Greece and Turkey.

17—Russia claims \$10,000,000 in reparations from Germany.

18—Britain and United States rejects Russia's claim for \$10,000,000 in reparations.

20—Large areas of Britain flooded.

23—British farmers estimate flood damage in drowned cattle and sheep at \$48,000,000.

24—Admiral Viscount Mountbatten sworn in as New Delhi as Viceroy of India.

25—U.S. coal miners die in coal mine explosion at Centralia, Ill.

30—Fifty killed, 137 wounded in Hindu-Moslem riots in Bombay.

APRIL

1—King George II of Hellas, 57, dies at Athens; Crown Prince Paul, brother succeeds.

2—Britain formally hands Palestine problem to United Nations.

7—Henry Ford, 83, dies at Detroit.

9—One hundred and thirty-two dead, 1,073 injured when tornado sweeps Texas and Oklahoma.

10—International trade conference of 17 countries opens at Geneva.

15—British budget balanced for first time in 10 years.

16—Milton J. Reynolds lands at New York after record round-world flight; 575 killed at Texas City when freighter Grandcamp, loaded with ammonium nitrate, explodes, causing chemical plant to blow up; Gen. Chang Chien succeeds T. V. Soong as Premier of China.

18—British blow up Helgoland.

20—King Christian of Denmark, 76, dies after 35 years.

reign; Crown Prince Frederick succeeds.

23—Eighty-six-mile-an-hour wind hits United Kingdom, oil tanker *Santampa* sunk, 42 lost.

24—British royal family leaves Capetown for home; Council of Foreign Ministers concludes meeting at Moscow; use of gas and electricity for heating banned in England.

28—First special session of United Nations Assembly opens to study Palestine problem; Poland and Britain to sign \$232,000,000 trade pact.

MAY

3—War crimes indictments at Nuremberg charge I. G. Farben combine with making cartel arrangements to weaken the United States.

4—Two hundred and fifty-one prisoners freed at Jerusalem prison when Jewish terrorists blast walls.

5—British bill to nationalize all inland transport given third reading.

7—Brazil rules Communist Party illegal.

9—Protest strike against food shortage in British-occupied zone of Germany; bill authorizing \$400,000,000 aid to Greece and Turkey passes U.S. House of Representatives.

12—British Royal Family reaches London from South Africa.

13—Protest strike spreads to United States zone of Germany; Italian cabinet of Premier Alcide de Gasperi resigns.

15—Eleven-member fact-finding commission on Palestine set up by United Nations.

22—U.S. food ships reach German ports, relieving food crisis.

23—Partition of India prepared in special British cabinet session.

29—Forty-eight killed in plane crash at La Guardia airfield, New York.

30—Fifty-three killed in worst plane disaster ever in North America; 173 dead, 30 injured in two days of aviation disasters throughout world; Premier de Gasperi of Italy excludes Communists from cabinet.

31—Pro-Communist Lajos Diinnyes becomes premier of Hungary after resignation of Ferenc Nagy.

JUNE

1—Thirty-five dead in Arkansas tornado.

3—Britain announces offer of Dominion status and its acceptance by Indian leaders.

5—Palestine Stern gang admits plot on Britons by "explosive letters," King and Queen to be guarded; U.S. State Secretary Marshall describes in speech to Harvard University Alumni a new program of European reconstruction—first project of the Marshall Plan.

8—Mississippi floods cause 23 deaths and render 22,000 homeless.

9—Moslem League Council at New Delhi accepts British plan for new Moslem state.

13—Fifty killed in crash of Capital Airlines plane en route from Chicago to Washington.

15—All-Indian Congress party agrees to division of India into Hindustan and Pakistan.

20—Russia walks out for second time in United Nations history after clash in Military Staff Committee.

21—Seventy-one dead in two days of communal rioting in India.

26—Greece, before United Nations Security Council, charges Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania with aggression; Viscount Bennett, Canada's prime minister, 1930-35, dies in England, aged 76.

30—Unra officially dissolved.

JULY

1—Sixty-eight killed when Italian munitions ship explodes at Porto Santo Stefano.

2—Conference of Britain, United States and Russia on Marshall Plan collapses at Paris.

4—India Independence Bill introduced in British House of Commons.

9—King announces engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

12—Czechoslovakia and Russia announce five-year trade agreement.

13—Conference of 16 nations on Marshall Plan decides to prepare survey of Europe's needs by Sept. 1.

15—British pound sterling, with some limitations, becomes convertible into all other currencies for current transactions.

16—Indian Independence Bill passed by British House of Lords.

17—More than 600 missing after ferryboat *Ramdas* sinks in Bombay harbor.

18—Largest contingent of illegal Jewish immigrants, 4,550, arrives at Haifa after sea battle with naval landing party.

20—Arrest former Premier U. Saw and 19 lieutenants for machine-gun massacre of seven Burmese council ministers, July 19.

25—Dutch say they have com-

pleted first phase of military action against Indonesian Republicans.

30—Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground, announces hanging of two British sergeants captured July 12; United Nations Security Council orders hearing on Indonesian dispute.

31—Enraged British soldiers

fire on Jews at Tel Aviv, killing five, injuring 18.

AUGUST

1—United Nations Security Council orders immediate halt to war in Dutch Indonesia.

8—Tax on imported films means no more Hollywood films in Britain.

10—William P. Odom, 27, lands

at Chicago to complete fastest trip ever made around world—19,645 miles in 73 hours; five minutes.

11—Unofficial British coal

strike starts at Grimethorpe, Yorkshire.

12—British and United States

negotiators at Belgrade sign \$100,000,000 trade agreement with Germany for Yugoslavia.

14—India and Pakistan become dominions.

15—One hundred and eleven trapped coal miners die at Whitehaven, England.

18—One hundred and sixty-eight killed, 4,000 injured when naval torpedo factory explodes at Cadiz, Spain.

20—British government re-

vokes free convertibility of ster-

ling in effort to salvage part of \$3,750,000,000 U.S. loan.

21—Russia invokes veto twice

to block entry of Italy and Aus-

tria into United Nations, raising to seven number of Soviet vetoes in 67 hours.

25—Cabinet decides on austere

ity measures to combat Britain's

economic crisis.

south of Salt Lake City; 31 killed in train crash at South Croydon, Eng.

26—Deaths from cholera in Egypt reach 5,501.

NOVEMBER

3—John G. Winant, 58, former U.S. ambassador to Britain, com-

mits suicide at Concord, N.H.; Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, refu-

ge leader of Polish Peasant

Party, reaches London.

13—Earl Baldwin, 80, former

British prime minister, dies.

14—General Edward J. Higgins, 83, Salvation Army leader, dies in New York; Soviet Union announces issue of new Russian currency and simultaneous abolition of food rationing, effective Dec. 16.

15—Council of Foreign Minis-

ters adjourns indefinitely, after failing to agree on peace treaties for Germany, Austria.

16—French Premier Paul Ramadier resigns; French army recalls 140,000 conscripts to meet Stalin-inspired labor crisis.

20—Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, married in Westminster Abbey.

21—Death toll in clashes in Middle East more than 400.

22—New constitution established Italian Republic Jan. 1.

23—France enacts legislation to curb inflation, U.S. to evacuate military bases in Panama.

24—Independent Communist "state" formed in northern Greece.

25—Typhoon ravages Manila, central Philippines.

26—Record snowfall hits New York.

27—British-Russian trade pact signed.

28—Greece launches offensive against Communist guerrillas; Victor Emmanuel III, former King of Italy, dies in Egypt.

29—Henry A. Wallace becomes U.S. presidential candidate in U.S.

30—King Michael abdicates, Romania declared a republic.

Happenings Of Note In Canada During 1947

By Canadian Press

JANUARY

1—Canadian Citizenship Act becomes law.

7—Hon. J. A. Matheson, 83, former chief justice and former Conservative premier of Prince Edward Island, dies at Charlottetown.

10—Fire at Goose Bay, Labrador, \$2,000,000 damage.

11—Government lifts price controls on wide list of goods and services. Controls retained on food, clothing, fuel and rent.

17—Rodrigue Cardinal Ville-Blanche, 63, dies of heart ailment at Romana Convent, Alhambra, Calif.; Rev. W. J. Clark, D.D., former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, dies at Montreal.

19—Prices Board announces upward revision in prices of automobiles, leather goods and restaurant meals.

21—Prices Board announces revised price ceilings on copper, lead and zinc.

24—Government announces re-creation of orders-in-council permitting deportation of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin.

30—Canada demands larger part in peace-making in memorandum to special deputies of the Big Four in London; third session of the 20th Parliament opens at Ottawa; Fred Rose, Labor-Progressive member for Montreal-Cartier, serving six years for espionage, expelled from House.

31—Prices Board announces price increases on clothing, cottons, soaps, oils and fats; Royal Commission report on coal and Dominion status and its acceptance by Indian leaders.

5—Palestine Stern gang admits plot on Britons by "explosive letters," King and Queen to be guarded; U.S. State Secretary Marshall describes in speech to Harvard University Alumni a new program of European reconstruction—first project of the Marshall Plan.

12—Canada-United States war-time co-operation for defence to be continued as permanent peace-time policy.

16—General strike of 13,000 Maritime coal miners starts.

17—Wheat Board authorizes 30-cent advance in domestic wheat price to \$1.55 a bushel.

24—Holiday resort accommodation and some commercial rentals freed from rent control; 25 per cent boost on all other types of commercial accommodation.

28—Suspended Vancouver police chief, A. G. McNeil, and 18 policemen dismissed following release of report on vice conditions.

MARCH

9—Strike of Noranda (Que.) Mines ends on 79th day.



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Ice Basketball With Football Touch



Referee tosses the ball in the air and ice basketball on skates and with football helmets is introduced at Lakewood, N.J.

Jack Kramer Finally Whips Bobby Riggs

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jack Kramer believes he'll wind up the victor in his first professional tennis tour if the lighting is as good as it was here last night when he notched his initial triumph over Bobby Riggs, king of the professionals.

The 1947 amateur champion and Davis Cup hero credited better lighting at the arena for

the deadly accuracy of his overhead, which played a major role in his 6-4, 6-4 decision over bounding Bobby.

Cleveland's largest tennis crowd, 5,664 fans, contributed to a gate of \$9,227.

U.B.C. BEATEN

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Distance always has been a barrier to actual east-west competition and in some sports superiority of the east has made it a foregone conclusion winners of the eastern varsity circuit are best in the Dominion.

An excellent example are the drubbings handed Saskatchewan and Alberta universities by the Toronto Blue's football squad in exhibition games last fall.

But in 1946 a potent University of Saskatchewan men's tennis team easily knocked over its opposition at Manitoba and Alberta and challenged the eastern champs for the Dominion title. McGill, eastern winner that year, already had assumed the inter-varsity crown and managed to turn back Saskatchewan by a narrow margin. Closeness of the competition was an eye-opener for east.

The committee also urges a Dominion-wide code of playing rules and regulations and a Dominion-wide standard of eligibility rules for athletes competing in inter-university sport. It also urges that member universities refrain from competing with non-member Canadian varieties.

OAK BAY GOLF

Mrs. M. Bowden and Mrs. R. B. Wilson won the monthly pair competitions in A and B classes, respectively, at the Victoria Golf Club yesterday. Both finished all square with par.

St. Andrews To Provide Stiff Test For United

United's nemesis, Vancouver St. Andrews will be in town Saturday for a regular Coast League soccer match against the locals at Athletic Park at 2:15.

United have yet to defeat the Scots in a league match although holding a decision over the Dominion champions in the Anderson Cup series, which incidentally marked the visitors last appearance here. The Scots, however, knocked over Barnes' crew in the second game of the series only to lose the final to North Shore.

The line-up of the mainland eleven will be little changed from the one that has shown here in previous games.

Bobby Newbold will be in goal with Erling Storness and Johnny Weber at fullback. Wes Henderson, Nick Glover and Johnny Newbold will see action on the half line with Jimmy Greig, Don Matheson, Booley Grier, George Steele and Stubby McLean slated to start at forwards.

Dan Simpson, D. Greig and Ted Ester will be spares.

With the retirement of George Barnes a new referee will be working the match, the arbiter being Joe Obee.

Manager Barnes has not an-

Aerial Attacks Will Highlight Bowl Battles

Gilmers, Laynes, Conerlys Promise Brilliant Play In U.S. Football

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR NEW YORK (AP) — Picking the bowl game stars on New Year's Eve is like selecting your Christmas turkey on the fourth of July but it's a safe bet that most of the backfield honors in tomorrow's gridiron classic will be distributed among the boys who flip the passes.

After a season in which all the collegiate records for completing and throwing forward passes were broken, it was only natural that teams owning the most high-powered aerial artists should wind up with lucrative bowl assignments.

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The most brilliant display of

serial fireworks may be touched off in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans when Texas and Bobby Layne hook up with Alabama and Harry Gilmer.

Gilmer tossed 93 passes in Alabama's 10 regular season games and completed 57 of them for a percentage of .613, highest among all the collegiate passers. His completions covered 610 yards and five touchdowns.

Layne did even better in all respects except accuracy. He made good on 63 of the 115 passes he tried, accounting for 965 yards and nine touchdowns.

Penn State, which depended almost entirely on a running game for the perfect record it will carry into the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., may discover that All-American Doak Walker is merely the second best passer on

the Southern Methodist team it takes on tomorrow.

Walker completed 30 of 52 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns but his teammate, Gil Johnson, hurled 77 passes, completing 43 of them for 564 yards and five touchdowns.

Kansas goes into the Orange Bowl tussle at Miami, Fla., with a well known passer in All-

America Ray Evans, whose 30 completions in 60 attempts netted 598 yards and four touchdowns.

TOP BATTERY The Delta Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., of course, will have the

top collegiate grid battery of all time in Mississippi's Charlie Conerly and Barney Poole. Conerly set new records by throwing 233 passes and completing 133 of them for 1,367 yards and 18 touchdowns and Poole caught 52 of them, including eight of the

all-America Johnny Lujack of Notre Dame leading the eastern backfield forces and Herman Wedemeyer, former All-America at St. Mary's, heading the western crew.

Lujack tossed 109 passes for the all-victorious Irish, completing 61 for 791 yards and nine touchdowns, while Wedemeyer also tried 109, but connected on only 47 for 691 yards and five touchdowns.

The remainder of the bowl line-up tomorrow will find William and Mary and Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., Texas Tech and Miami (Ohio) in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., North Texas and Nevada in the Salad Bowl at Phoenix, Ariz., West Chester (Pa.) Teachers and Missouri Valley in the Cigar Bowl at Tampa, Fla., San Diego State and Hardin-Simmons in the Harbor Bowl at Fresno, Cal., and Catawba vs. Marshall (W.Va.) in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY AND SONNY WALKER

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

the champions to seven games before bowing out of the Island series.

TENNIS experienced a decided

uplift last summer with the holding of the Davis Cup trials at Victoria Lawn. Although the eastern contingent, headed by Henri Rochon of Montreal, carried off majority of the honors the east-west matches produced some first-class play and certainly did a lot to bring back the sport here. Various smaller clubs operated in Greater Victoria with success.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

operating here for the second year saw the Victoria Athletics finish the Western International League in fifth position and in doing so established a new high for attendance with over 130,000 paid admissions. After getting away to a flying start and holding a spot in the first division for many weeks the A's faltered in the final drive as the pitching staff fell off. Failure of hurlers Bob Jensen and Jim Arnold to come through, as expected, dimmed the Victoria club's chances for a pennant. Majority of the personnel of next year's club have already been announced and prospects for a young, bustling club look bright. Ted Norbert will return as manager.

Mustangs Make English Rugby Debut Saturday

Victoria Mustangs, who with the close of the American football schedule have decided to turn their talents to the English rugby code will receive their baptismal fire Saturday when they tangle with the senior Victoria College entry in an exhibition match at Macdonald Park at 2:30.

Canadian Scottish are slated to meet the Fiji Islanders in the second half of the double-bill at 2:30.

Just how the Mustangs will fare in the Twickenham sport remains to be seen. Tom Carney, coach of the ex-gridironers, knows the English game well, having been one of the city's brightest stars during the past decade and if he can impart his knowledge of the sport to his charges other teams may be in for a surprise.

Inexperience in the finer points of the game will probably hamper the newcomers to the league but ball carrying ability will not be lacking with such capable performers as Steve Rynoski, Ray Mitchell, Bill O'Connell and Prevost toting the leather on the Mustangs' three-quarter line.

Line-up of Mustangs as released by Carney today follows: H. Alexander, fullback; W. O'Connell, W. Prevost, J. Robinson, R. Mitchell, S. Rynoski, R. Thompson, three-quarters: J. Horne, scrum half; J. Moonan, G. Brown, J. Jakour, S. Danes, L. Kisslinger, L. Handley, W. O'Brien, and P. Barry, forwards.

Team is asked to report at the park at 1:30.

VICTORIA athletes showed up well in track and field events during the summer both here and on the mainland. Outstanding among the local athletes in this branch of athletics were Cliff Salmon, Harry Mitchell, Elaine Silburn and Pat Fleming, all of whom have a splendid opportunity of representing the city and the Dominion at the 1948 Olympic Games.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL took a drop this past year with Mustangs forsaking the Canadian code for the American system, thus leaving the city without a senior club. Junior and juvenile clubs carried on in local leagues and until financial troubles beset them were set to stage B.C. finals here New Year's Day. Mustangs in their new venture fared poorly against American teams. A new deal for Canadian football is in the offing for the new year with the Junior Chamber of Commerce backing the project.

THE GUTTED STICK artists of box lacrosse continued to play games on the outdoor box at Stevenson Park with the Canadian Legion squad coached by Arne Ferguson winning the city Intermediate title, and Tillicum the Junior crown. The Tillicum were knocked out of the Dominion series by Vancouver but the Vets repeated their success of 1946 by bringing back the British Columbia title for the second straight season.

IN THE ENGLISH rugby field, J.B.A. won the only inter-city or B.C. title captured by a local squad, winning the A. H. Cox trophy. Crimson Tide failed in their bid for the McKechnie Cup, won again by Varsity, and J.B.A. lost out to the students for the B.C. club title. Oak Bay High School were defeated by King Edward for the provincial high school diadem.

CRICKET saw the Five C's regain the league championship after Oak Bay had reigned supreme for 12 months. Lawn bowling was as popular as ever with the annual holiday tournament the season highlight as it attracted many visiting stars. Auto racing enthusiasts witnessed many exciting programs at the Langford Speedway while the rifle shooting experts conducted weekly competitions at Heals Range

Canada's Olympic Team Looks Improved In Loss

OTTAWA (CP) — With the air force still in control, but with barely more than half of the team air force personnel, the R.C.A.F. Flyers, Canada's 1948 Olympic team, will sail from New York Jan. 9 as a strong contender for world honors.

This was what emerged last night after a fortnight of scurrying for stronger players when it became apparent after a few losses that the air force team didn't have the makings of a winner. During that two weeks, air force and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association officials scoured the horizon for new blood.

They came up with some material from local city league clubs, some from Toronto and some from Montreal, and bolstered a weak defence found wanting in two exhibition games with McGill University and an army team in the Senior City League.

Last night the Flyers took on Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League, just to see who would be the final four players dropped from the 21-man R.C.A.F. roster. They lost 10 to 4 to the burly seniors, but showed enough pluck and stickhandling to satisfy the experts.

Still lacking finish in their breakaways and teamwork, the Flyers still showed a diamond-rough class and a handful of onlookers at the unannounced game agreed the Flyers could—and probably would—develop into a sound team.

TEAM PERSONNEL

Capt. Ross King of Portage la Prairie and Dick Ball will be the goalies. Defencemen are Flt. Sgt. Louis Lecompte, Ottawa, Frank Denster, Woodroffe, Ont., Andre Lapierre, Montreal, and Wally Hader of Toronto. Forwards will

be Ab Renaud, Ted Hibbard, Pat Shroeter, Pete Lietchnits, Cpl. Patsy Guzzo, all of Ottawa; Orval Gravelle, Aymer, Que.; LAC, Roy Forbes, Vancouver; George Mara, Toronto; Sgt. Andy Gilpin and FO. Hubert Brooks, both of Montreal, and Cpl. Irving Taylor, Wrightville, Que.

The team will sail in London Jan. 15 and will play two games at Wembley Stadium, leaving for Paris Jan. 21. After a single game at Paris they will play another at Basle, Switzerland, then another at Zurich, Switzerland.

They will stop at Davos for three days before going on to St. Moritz and the Olympics, which run from Jan. 30 to Feb. 8. A tour of post-Olympic exhibition games is being arranged.

Johnny Berardino Signs Dual Contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Infielder Johnny Berardino of Cleveland Indians signed a double-barreled contract Tuesday which will permit him to play baseball, his first love, in the summer and make movies, his second love, in the winter.

The contract was signed at a ceremony in which President Bill Veeck of the Indians and movie producer Richard Poliner, Berardino's co-boss, participated.

Under the contracts, the Cleveland ball club will have claim on the infielder's service starting before spring training and continuing until after the world series next October. This will give Berardino time to finish his current picture, "Winner's Circle."

After the series, Berardino is obliged to return to Hollywood and work for Poliner again.

"But that is up to the A.A.U. Our organization has been assured by both the host Swiss Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Federation that the team we organized will be recognized as the United States' representatives.

"I have been informed that Gustavus T. Kirby, president emeritus of the A.A.U., has cabled to J. Sigfried Edstrom, president of the International Olympic Committee, at Stockholm, Sweden, to rule out the A.A.U. team. Kirby may be interested to know that less than a week ago the A.A.U. received assurances from abroad that Kirby had put himself on record to maintain a 'hands-off' policy and permit the Swiss committee to have the final say."

Seattle Grabs Lead In Coast Pro Hoop League

Seattle's Athletics held the Pacific Coast pro basketball league lead today, taking over from idle Vancouver with a 67 to 59 triumph over the hapless Portland Indians as Bellingham administered a 48 to 33 trimming to the slipping Tacoma Mountaineers.

It was the third win in as many days against the same opponents for both Seattle and Bellingham. And both had their roles well under control.

Bellingham took a half-time

lead of 20 to 13, built it up to 30 to 15 and then coasted. Gale Bishop topped the Bellingham scoring with 15; Jack Voelker's 11 led Tacoma.

Portland led Seattle briefly at the start of the contest, faded badly in the closing moments of the second quarter, hit a fast pace in the third and early fourth to close the gap twice to two points, but Seattle snapped out of its lethargy to win going away. Norm Dalthorp hit 19 points for Seattle, four more than Portland's Bill Taft.

All teams are idle tonight. Seattle officials said today the Athletics would be strengthened for its New Year appearance by the addition of Ken Suesens, who finally gained his release from the Sheboygan, Wis., pro team. The big centre was sought early in the year to coach the Seattle entry but was unable to gain his release.

Local Hoopers Win Exhibition Tilts

Victoria basketball teams won three exhibition games at Saanichton this week.

Eagles defeated Saanichton senior B men, 59 to 37; Hotshots walloped Saanichton girls, 59 to 22, and Canadian Scottish defeated the suburban senior C men's team, 45 to 16.

Saanichton intermediate B boys defeated Langford, 24 to 16, in a league match.

Racing Results

SANTA ANITA — Results of horse racing here Tuesday follow:

First Race	\$7.60	\$4.70	\$4.30
Second Race	9.60	7.70	
Third Race	18.20		
Fourth Race	12.10	\$6.40	\$4.20
Fifth Race	4.60	2.70	
Scratched: Golden Mile, Airbelle, Trans-			
Third Race	15.50	\$1.20	\$2.50
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Watchnight Services Tonight

While many greet the New Year with noise and merrymaking throughout Victoria, members of some Victoria congregations will gather in the quiet of their churches for devotional periods and watchnight services.

Rev. George Biddle will conduct Watchnight Service of Holy Communion at St. John's Church

Offer To Keep City Garbage Off Beaches

Bullivant, Sons, general contractors, have approached the City Council asking that they be given a contract to collect all garbage, and state they are making a similar proposition to the three municipalities of Greater Victoria.

They ask for a contract on a per capita contract basis, on a sliding scale, which would go up or down with the federal cost of living index. The company gave assurance that the gross annual cost would be 5 per cent less than the city's present expenditure for the service.

In addition they offered a guarantee that none of the garbage would "ever be found on the beaches of the entire area."



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U.S. Army Helped Young Veteran To Succeed As Juggler

Thanks to the U.S. army and Shakespearean actor Maurice Evans, a young American veteran visiting Victoria, is now a success as a professional juggler.

He is 28-year-old Jack Parker, who will perform at the Empress Hotel this evening during the New Year's Eve cabaret.

Jack first took an active interest in juggling during his last year in high school at Washington, D.C. He confessed today that he had always had something of the "ham" in him and chose juggling as something comparatively unusual in the theatre which would enable him to avoid the teeming ranks of actors starting out the really hard way.

Then came the war. After a year in uniform, he learned that Maurice Evans had been asked to set up special services shows for the entertainment of the troops. After struggling through considerable red tape, Jack found himself serving under Evans, then a captain and later promoted to major.

The army, according to the young juggler, gave him the opportunity of working his act into something worthwhile and he performed for three years in the Pacific theatre of war, including such islands as Saipan and Guam. British troops were among his audiences.

Apart from his juggling, Jack received good all-round theatre experience under Evans and was called upon to sing, dance and act as well. At one time in his army career he enjoyed the unique distinction of having Shakespeare rewritten, in part, for his benefit. The occasion was the presentation of Macbeth in which the banquet scene was altered to include a juggling act.

Following his return to the U.S. Jack joined the U.S.O. and returned to the Pacific, appearing in the Philippines and in Japan. On coming back to the U.S. once more, he started out on his own, and in about six months' time had broken into big time. Today he is billed as "Jack Parker, the Jack of Clubs."

Dan McLennan Dies In His 78th Year

Donald (Dan) McLennan, who once played an active part in local political and social organizations, died here Tuesday at the age of 78 years.

Born in Bruce County, Ont., Mr. McLennan resided in British Columbia for over 60 years. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 49, A.F. & A.M., and the Victoria Liberal Association.

For the past 12 years he had made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan J. MacLean. Besides his daughter, he is survived by one son, Donald, W., of Detroit, Mich., also one brother, Dr. Frank, Windsor, Ont., and one brother, John, of Vancouver, and four grandchildren. His wife predeceased him 12 years ago.

Services will be held at McCall Bros. Floral Funeral Chapel Saturday afternoon at 3. Interment will take place at Colwood Burial Park, with Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson officiating.

The Navy League of Canada

has applied to the City Council

for a grant in 1948 equivalent to

the taxes on the property owned

by the organization and used in

connection with the training of

the Rainbow Sea Cadets.

Two men who have spent a

good deal of their lives in Oakalla

Prison Farm, due to repeated

charges of drunkenness, will start

1948 at the farm. This morning in

city police court they both

pleaded guilty to three charges

and got the usual 20-day sentences.

Robert M. Akelhurst pleaded

guilty in city police court today

to a charge of theft of a wrist

watch owned by Victor Ball Monday

and was remanded to Friday

for sentence by Magistrate H. C. Hall. Detective Fearon Woodburn gave the circumstances leading to the accused's apprehension.

R. Prewitt was fined \$35 and

had his driver's license suspended

for one month by Magistrate H.

C. Hall in Esquimalt police court

this week on a dangerous driving

charge. A husband was fined \$15 for assaulting his wife. A

total of \$30 was imposed in fines

for minor traffic infractions.

William J. Haines pleaded

guilty to a charge of dangerous

driving at Hillside and Cedar Hill

Road on Dec. 24 and was fined

\$40 by Magistrate H. C. Hall in

city police court today. His license

was also suspended for three months. Patrick J. Simott, acting prosecutor, reported ac-

ting sideswiped another car.

A turkey dinner will be en-

joyed by patients and staff at

Royal Jubilee Hospital today

through the generosity of Mayo

Singh, who has donated 750

pounds of turkey to the hospital

for the occasion. He has also

donated 200 pounds of potatoes

and 110 pounds of frozen peas

for the dinner. Partaking of his

hospitality also will be 400

patients, and 270 staff members.

Just before the Christmas season

he donated 10 white wool blankets

to the hospital and seven cases

of dates, and for the linen shower

of the Women's Auxiliary this

month he gave another 20 white

wool blankets.

Sooke Logger Is

Killed In Accident

Arthur Morris, 43, Sooke, was

killed in a logging accident at

one of the Sooke camps yester-

day, Constable Allan Quinn of

the Provincial Police reported to

Sgt. C. C. Jacklin at the Victoria

district headquarters. The body

is at Thomson's Funeral Home

and an inquest has been ordered

for Friday morning at 10 at the

parlors.

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Victorians Exacting About Choosing Reading Matter

Victorians may not know it—but they are exacting when it comes to choosing their reading material.

After an extensive study on the subject by the staff of the Public Library the conclusion was reached that Victoria had "an intelligent and fairly sophisticated reading public."

Victorians were also much more tolerant with regard to controversial books, than the reading public in the United States, according to information gleaned by the librarians. Less than a dozen fiction titles were kept in the library's closed shelf section for censorship reasons.

While new novels are popular, the reading public still demands the works of Old Masters, whose novels one would be inclined to believe had been forgotten by the majority of readers. These books do not include the works of still popular writers like Dickens and Kipling.

The survey, also revealed that Hardy's poetry and drama was still widely read by students and housewives in equal numbers.

Politics, Not Romance, Blamed For Abdication Of Michael

LONDON (TAP)—Politics rather than romance was behind the abdication of King Michael I of Romania, in the opinion of most observers here.

Dimitri Dimanescu, former Romanian embassy official, said the Romanian government had refused to allow Michael to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme, but that this was a "purely secondary consideration."

Some of the press on the continent, however, leaned to the view that the King's love for the Danish princess was the principal reason for his decision.

British court circles said Michael was debating abdication with his mother, Queen Helen, during their recent visit to London for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip, and may have decided even before leaving on his course.

"He did not want to go back," a reliable source reported, "and his mother did everything possible to dissuade him from going back. But he made a noble gesture. It would have been cowardly not to return."

The London Star said Michael

conferred here with both Foreign Secretary Bevin and former Prime Minister Churchill and received sympathetic advice, "on a personal basis."

Dimanescu, who said he resigned as counsellor at the London Embassy because he would not subscribe to his government's Communist ideas, said the abdication proclamation was not what the king wanted to say, and Michael was "compelled to read it."

Dimanescu said "the real reason for Michael's action was that while he was in London for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth certain steps were taken by the government behind his back and without his knowledge."

He said the king had learned a new minister intended to send Romanian troops to help the Communists in Greece.

A source in Bucharest advised of the Greek angle, said Dimanescu's report "can be discounted."

In Copenhagen, Princess Anne

said she was taking it as "bad news" that Michael had not communicated with her or her family.

Dimanescu said he was

not surprised by the king's decision.

The possibility that some unknown interests would shortly

make an offer to the city to purchase the Gordon Head Airpark site was hinted in a letter to Mayor Percy George from the Air Force Officers' Association.

The organization stated it had

heard that new overtures were

shortly to be made by outside

interests for purchase of the

property for use other than an

airpark. The members asked the

mayor not to accept any such

offer as they were still very in-

Capitol Midnight Show 'Road To Rio'

Paramount officials are rubbing their hands with glee these days — they think they've stumbled onto another set of Marx Brothers.

The Wiere Brothers — Sylvester, Herbert and Harry — and they play an important part in "Road to Rio," the new Bing Crosby-Bob Hope-Dorothy Lamour madcap comedy due

Wednesday midnight at the Capitol Theatre.

The Wiere Brothers are not a new team by Hollywood standards. In the past three or four years, they have appeared in perhaps half a dozen pictures. But in none of these films were they ever given anything approaching a chance. They were hired to run through just one or two routines.

In "Road to Rio," however, they are given a solid opportunity to act. What advantage they have taken of this break can readily be seen, and enjoyably, by noted by a trip to the Capitol Theatre during the run of the riotous "road" show.

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OAK BAY



Saga Of Chauncey Alcott At Royal

The life of Chauncey Olcott told against a technicolor canvas of minstrel days, Lillian Russell, the Robert E. Lee, Rector's, the old 14th Street Theatre and "Mother Machree" is captured with a sweeping flourish in Warner Bros.' brilliant offering, "My Wild Irish Rose," starring Dennis Morgan, which is being shown Wednesday midnight at the Royal Theatre.

It is the saga of the immortal Irish composer-singer with Morgan in top form in this title role. Andrea King plays the ravishing Miss Russell of legendary beauty and fame, and Arlene Dahl, a newcomer, bids for stardom with her portrayal of Olcott's sweetheart.

YORK THEATRE

Studded with 10 of the greatest hit ballads of all time, filmed in dazzling technicolor, and starring June Haver and Mark Stevens, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," Twentieth Century-Fox musical extravaganza, is now at the Atjas Theatre. The film, based on incidents in the life of Joe Howard, the fabulously troubadour-composer, highlights such all-time song hits as: "Goodbye, My Lady Love," "Hello! Ma Baby," "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie," "Be Sweet to Me Kid," "Honeymoon," "What's the Use of Dreaming" and "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now."

RIO THEATRE

Plenty of laughs and an occasional tear or two highlight "The Bells of St. Mary's" now at the Rio Theatre. Leo McCarey's first production since his Academy Award winner, "Going My Way," Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman are starred in this story of the ups and downs of a parochial school, a Rainbow production for RKO radio release.

OAK BAY THEATRE

Alice in Wonderland will be a popular figure among teenagers when they see the coiffure introduced by Judy Garland in her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring film, "Meet Me in St. Louis," which is now at the Oak Bay Theatre. The fictional Alice's long bob, short bangs and slight pompadour are faithfully reproduced by Judy Garland and the result is completely modern and effective. Although the star wears it in the film with clothes of 1903, she plans to try it out with her own sports frocks.

Where To Go Tonight

(As Advertised)
ATLAS — "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," with June Haver and Mark Stevens.

CAPITOL — "Thunder in the Valley," starring Lon McCallister.

Dominion — "Four Feathers," with June Duprez and Ralph Richardson.

OAK BAY — "Boys' Ranch," with Butch Jenkins.

PLAZA — "Copacabana," starring Carmen Miranda and Groucho Marx.

RIO — "The Bells of St. Mary's," with Bing Crosby.

ROYAL — "This Time for Keeps" with Xavier Cugat and Johnnie Johnston.

YORK — "Enchanted Forest," with Brenda Joyce.

Sickness Slows Up Production Of Several Movies

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Whether you call it flu or the "mystery bug" which has been afflicting Los Angeles, sickness has been haunting film schedules, with many of them having to be rearranged because of the absence of stars...

Robert Hutton is getting a big break, Warners announces. The studio plans to star him opposite Barbara Stanwyck in "The Glad Hand," a backstage story. Herefore a juvenile, Hutton is supposed to play a heavy.

The next Bing Crosby-Barry Fitzgerald opus is being called "Diamond in the Haystack." It will take place in Elie.

Ronald Reagan indicates there is still hope that the differences between him and Jane Wyman will be patched up...

Ray Milland's eight-year-old son is having a rugged Christmas vacation. First the boy broke a bone in his foot. Then he came home with his head swollen with poison oak to the size of a basketball.

AROUND THE LOTS

Charles Laughton has an offer to present his "Galileo" in Berlin next March. . . . Walter Pidgeon is the pride of the G.M.G. wardrobe department. The Saint John, N.B.-born star's measurements for the new Greer Garson film, "Julia Misbehaves," are precisely the same as when he played in "Saratoga" in 1937...

STRICTLY TRIVIAL

Red Skelton's gag file now numbers 23,000 jokes. . . . Gene Kelly is teaching his four-year-old daughter Kerry to dance. . . . Robert Stack was delivered a dismantled new French car and assembled the job himself. M.G.M. reports that Danny Thomas has written a song. Who hasn't?

10-SECOND REVIEW

"High Wall" (MGM) offers Robert Taylor in about his best screen performance to date. The story brings nothing new, being the

won last year with a tale about a fish that fought so hard it worked up a sweat.

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ABOUT —

Green for
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By Billy Rose

New York, April 30.—A year ago I didn't think English movies had a chance in America. Today I'm not so sure.

Several nights ago I saw a production of a pervert called "Green for Danger." Murder, gun'n'er! It makes Hollywood's recent shoot-em-ups look like pillow fights in a girl's room.

It features a hunky Alastair Sim, who can spot Abbott and Costello 60 miles away.

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Councillor Retires

Appreciation for the co-operation and assistance of Councillor G. V. Bishop, who is retiring this year from Esquimalt Coun-

cil, was expressed by Reeve A. I. Thomas and members of council at the final meeting of 1947.

Councillor Bishop thanked the council and said he would gladly assist the municipality in any

way he could, even though he was retiring from the council.

ALDERSHOT—A tenant lived seven years rent free because the landlord could not be found.

Esquimalt Growth Reflected In Home Building In 1947

Steady growth and development of the municipality of Esquimalt was seen by Edmund Fulcher, assessor and superintendent of public works today, as he reported that permits for construction amounting to \$457,925 were issued during 1947 as compared with an annual construction of \$50,000 to \$60,000 in prewar years.

Total permits for the year were 146, compared with 139 in 1946, representing construction of \$442,819.

"Actually all our building is residential this year with 89 of the total number of permits for dwellings," Mr. Fulcher said. "Cost of home construction for the year amounted to \$433,250."

In 1946, 86 of the total num-

ber of permits were for dwellings at a cost of \$271,124.

"There are a great number of houses in Esquimalt in various stages of finishing," Mr. Fulcher said, adding that delay in getting materials had increased the cost of building. "I know of houses started in January of 1946 that are not completed yet," he remarked.

Building in Esquimalt which amounted to \$51,000 in 1937, \$61,000 in 1938 and \$70,000 in 1939, reached a record high of \$227,000 in 1942 with construction of wartime houses. There was construction to the value of \$454,000 in 1943.

Building fell down in 1944 to \$61,000 and then up again in '45 to \$290,000.

Parties Early In 1948 To Shift Into High Gear For By-election

Political parties planning for the Saanich by-election are expected to shift into high gear early in the new year.

The Feb. 23 date for the by-election, necessitated by the designation of Mr. Speaker Norman W. Whittaker, appointed to the B.C. Supreme Court Bench, was announced Tuesday by Premier Byron I. Johnson. The by-election in Cariboo, at which a successor to the late Louis Le Bourdais will be chosen, will be held on the same date.

To date but one candidate has been named to contest the Saanich seat in the provincial Legislative Assembly. He is Bruce Mckelvie, nominated recently at a convention of the Labor-Progressives.

Two other persons have an-

ounced, however, that they will let their names go forward to the Coalition nominating convention which will be held probably about the middle of January. They are

J. L. Hobbs, Saanich councillor, and K. M. Lewis, for two years president of the Saanich Liberal Association.

Arthur J. R. Ash, president of the association, said today that he would call the association executive to meet early in January at which plans for the nominating convention would be worked out. No date has been set for the nominating convention or the executive meeting.

Under the original terms of

Coalition, only Liberals may nominate, since the Legislative

Assembly seat was held by a Liberal when the Liberals and Conservatives joined forces in 1941 to form the Coalition administration. If, however, more than one name is put forward at the convention, then Conservatives attending the joint Liberal-Conservative convention would be able to vote for the candidate.

No changes in these arrangements for nominations have been announced following the renegotiation of Coalition terms recently by Mr. Johnson and Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb, provincial leader of the Progressive Conservatives.

Before he resigned the premiership, John Hart announced R. H. Carson, Liberal member of the Legislature for Kamloops, would be recommended to the House as Speaker to succeed Mr. Justice Whittaker.

C.C.F. CONVENTION

The C.C.F. have arranged to hold their nominating convention at 8 on the evening of Jan. 9 in the Douglas Hall. Harold E.

Minor Cuts To Two When Car Hits Pole

While the car in which they were riding was extensively damaged, George W. Barber, 2856 Parkview Drive, and Robert Hollins, 412 Dallas Road, managed to escape with but minor cuts Tuesday night in a collision with a steel pole at the northwest corner of Government and Superior Streets.

City policemen Constables Norman Galbraith and Douglas Grant attended the scene and reported the impact tore a piece of metal off the car which flew through the air and broke a window in the provincial assessor's office. Barber, driver of the car, was proceeding north on Government.

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VICTORIA DAILY TIMES, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1947

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Announcements

BIRTHS

LINKLATER—To Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart Linklater (late Chaynor), Alice Arm, B.C. at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dec. 26, a daughter, Gertrude Carol, 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

SKINNER—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Skinner, 1000 Douglas St., Victoria, Royal Jubilee Hospital, on Dec. 30, 1947, a son.

DEATHS

ANDERSON—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Dec. 29, 1947, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Anderson, aged 84 years, of 602 Dunlop St., Victoria, B.C. She was born in Ontario and had resided in Spanish and Victoria for the past 60 years. The late Mrs. Anderson was a widow, with no children, three sons, Robert, Henry and Richard Arthur, Jerome, both sons deceased, and two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Edith Humphries of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Lila May of New Westminster, B.C., 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; also one brother, Ambrose Mathews, in Victoria, and one sister, Rose, in Seattle, Wash. Funeral services will be held in McCallum Chapel, 1000 Fort St., on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

COX—Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, aged 81 years, passed away Dec. 29 at Fort Alberni, at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. J. Blackmore. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons, sons-in-law, and a daughter, Mrs. Vancouver and Frank Cox, Whincombe, B.C.; one daughter, Mrs. J. Blackmore, Port Alberni; also three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in McCallum Chapel, 1000 Fort St., on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

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DODDWSORTH—On Dec. 28, 1947, at King's Hospital, Duncan, B.C., there passed away after a short illness, William Doddsworth, age 54 years, of 506 W. Doddsworth, for five years. He leaves to mourn his loss, beside his wife, a son, Charles, his grandsons, Robert, and Mrs. Robert, Victoria, B.C., and Mrs. A. Doddsworth, Victoria. Interment in Mountain View Cemetery, Funeral services Saturday, Dec. 29, 1947, at 2 p.m. Rev. Golightly officiating.

LOW—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital, an 82-year-old man, died Dec. 28, 1947, at 1230 Blanshard Street. He was born in England, and had resided in Victoria for the past 60 years. The late Mr. Low was survived by one brother, George, and two sisters, Nellie and Elizabeth, all in Victoria. Also three nieces, Mrs. Gordon A. L. Hockley of Penitentiary, B.C., and three nieces, including Mrs. Grace Ruby of Victoria, who was a veteran of the Great War.

Funeral services will be held in McCallum Chapel, 1000 Fort St., on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Colwood Burial Park.

HEISTERMAN—On Dec. 28, 1947, at the residence, 915 St. Charles Street, Bernard R. Heisterman, aged 74, born in Victoria, died at his home, one son, Charles, in Victoria; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor, living in the Andover, Ont., and one sister, Miss Olive Heisterman, in Victoria.

Funeral services, Dr. W. G. Hayward's B.G. Funeral Chapel on Friday, Jan. 2, 1948, at 3 p.m. Ven. Archdeacon Nunns officiating. Interment in family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park. (See flowers, page 2.)

MCLENNAN—There passed away in Victoria, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29, Donald (Dan) McLenan, aged 78 years. Mr. McLenan was born in Scotland, and had resided in B.C. for over 60 years. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 100, and in his later days was active in local political and social organizations, including the Liberal Association, Victoria, West Broadmead, and the Society of Canadianists. For the past 12 years he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. MacLean. Besides his daughter, he is survived by one son, Donald W. of Victoria, and his wife, Dr. Frank of Windsor, Ont., and one brother, John of Vancouver, B.C., and four nieces. Mrs. McLenan's trade predeceased her 12 years ago.

Funeral services will be held in McCallum Chapel, 1000 Fort St., on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson officiating. Interment will be in Colwood Burial Park.

MORRIS—Passed away at Victoria, B.C., on Dec. 30, 1947, Arthur John Morris, 60 years, of 1000 Government Street, of Euston Morris of Smoke, B.C. He was born in London, England, and a resident of Smoke since 1913. The late Mr. Morris leaves to mourn her loss, beside his husband, one son, John, at home, and two daughters, Mrs. G. E. Morris of Rochester, N.Y., three brothers, Joseph, in Alberta, Frederick, in Smoke, and John, and one sister, Mrs. E. Morris of Victoria. Funeral services will be held in McCallum Chapel, 1000 Fort St., on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson officiating. Interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

MUSGRAVE—On Dec. 29, 1947, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Thomas Charles Musgrave, aged 76, died. Mr. Musgrave, Toronto, age 65, son of the late Thomas Musgrave of Cork, Ireland, arrived in Victoria on New Year's Night, from 10 p.m. Douglas Roller Skates, 3122 Douglas Street, 3-152. ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY will hold a social evening "In Honour of the Queen" on New Year's Eve, 1948, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$1.00 each.

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Coast College Fives In Hoop Victories

Licking clean the final course of their 1947 basketball menu, northern division Coast Conference teams successfully devoured three intersectional opponents last night and settled back for a two-day holiday respite from a heavy pre-season schedule.

In one of the most successful nights of the season, Oregon doused Kansas University 61 to 53 to sweep the two-game series; Oregon State came up with a second-half spurt to dump California 63 to 47; and Idaho knocked off Brigham Young University 42 to 41 to wind up third in the initial Los Angeles college invitational basketball championships.

Willie Pep Scores Knockout Victory

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Featherweight champion Willie Pep, 132, Hartford, Conn. Tuesday night gained an eight-round technical knockout over Maurice (Lefty) Lachance, 134½, of Lisbon, Me., in their scheduled 10-round non-title boxing bout before a 1,000 crowd.

Pep, who took every round with his buzz-saw, two-fisted attack, dropped Lachance for nine counts in both the second and sixth rounds.

Rain May Aid West Team In Grid Clash

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A forecast for scattered showers may revise the odds for the 23rd annual East-West football game here tomorrow but can't touch the sure thing held by hundreds of crippled children.

The 60,000 seats of Kezar Stadium have been long sold, with all profits from the classic array of college stars going to the Shrine hospital for crippled children.

Local odds favored the east 2½ to 1, but the possibility of rain and the long history of upsets in this hard-to-predict game made the figure look good to backers of the west team.

For my part, I have collected more stamps than coins, but I have gathered a few hundred kinds of coins during my travels. Many of these are modern, being in use now in Europe and various other parts of the world.

One of my coins is an American penny with the date of 1853 on it. This is almost as large as a half dollar. On the front of it is an image of the head of the goddess of liberty, with a circle of 13 stars around it.

That penny, or cent, is much larger than a present-day penny minted in the United States or Canada. Yet Great Britain has modern pennies the size of a half dollar.

Pennies have differed greatly in size through the course of history. During the reign of King Alfred, in England silver pennies were minted. These were about the same size as our nickels; on one side of each of them was a crude image of King Alfred.

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The strange name of these coins came from the fact that each one was worth eight of the small coins known as "reals." In old stories of pirates we read about pieces-of-eight, because these silver coins often were stolen by pirates who captured Spanish vessels.

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PRISCILLA'S POP



Hockey Referee Victim Of Attack

TORONTO (CP) — Referee Pearcy Allen was victim of an attack that rendered him unconscious and sent him to hospital for first-aid treatment last night during a Toronto Hockey League game between Mahers and Stony, won by Mahers by a 4 to 1 score.

In the second period Bert Turney of the Stony flew at the referee during a brawl on the ice in which several players of both teams were engaged. The official was knocked unconscious and taken to hospital, where X-rays were taken of a neck injury. He was able to return home later in the night. Turney was suspended.

Old Boys' Dance
St. Michael's School Old Boys' Association is holding its 16th annual dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Friday evening. Len Acres' orchestra will be playing. Old Boys wishing tickets for the dance should get in touch with the committee or phone the secretary at E 5767.

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Uncle Ray

A PIECE-OF-EIGHT WAS
WORTH 80 REALS

Of all the hobbies in the world, the collecting of stamps ranks first in the number of persons who follow it. There are hundreds of thousands of stamp collectors on this continent, and they are common in Europe and Asia as well. There are some stamp collectors on the other three inhabited continents, though not so many.

Coin collectors are far less common than persons who collect stamps, but they make up a fairly large group. Some collect pennies, others dimes. Still others are general collectors, getting together as many kinds of coins as they can find.

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Rails Lead Year-end Recovery

NEW YORK (AP)—Buoyed by another interim rate boost, rails today led the stock market on a selective year-end recovery with activity around the best in more than two months.

Deals tapered after a fast forenoon. While there were a few "thin" jumpers of five points or so, extreme gains running to a point or better receded in many cases near the close with minus signs fairly well distributed for pivots. Most motors, steels and utilities were narrow.

Canadian issues were irregular. McIntyre and Distillers, Seagram's were up $\frac{1}{2}$ while Canadian Pacific added $\frac{1}{4}$. Dome Mines dropped $\frac{1}{2}$. Hiram Walker was unchanged.

Dow Jones closing averages: 30 industrials 181.16, up 0.60; 20 rails 52.48, up 0.79; 15 utilities 33.40, up 0.17; 65 stocks 65.00, up 0.41. Total sales, 1,540,000.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

	Closing	Bid	Asked
Allied Chemicals	183.4		
American Can	66.4		
American Tobacco	54.2		
American Smoker	42.4		
American Telephone & Tel.	42.6		
American Woolen	24.1		
Anchor Copper	10.2		
B. & O. Railroad	12.2		
Bethlehem Steel	19.4		
Canadian Pacific Railway	63.6		
Chrysler	21.2		
Consolidated	21.2		
Douglas Aircraft	87.4		
Du Pont	87.4		
Eastman Kodak	10.2		
Elk Railroad	21.7		
General Foods	21.7		
General Electric	21.7		
General Motors	55.2		
GoodYear Tire	43.8		
Great Northern	11.2		
Inter. T. & T.	11.2		
Inter. Nickel	11.2		
Lockheed	11.2		

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Close Year On Upward Trend

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Stock Exchange closed the year in a half session of moderately active trading today with stocks generally on an upward trend. Industrials were firm on good newsprints, foods and oils, the western oils continued the advance started earlier in the month while mining stocks were indecisive and closed about unchanged.

(By A. E. Ames & Co.)

Dec. 31, 1947, 9 a.m.

Alum Co. of Canada 4% pfd. 24% 25

Ashdown Hardware A 12% 13%

Beatty Bros. com 39 38

B. & S. Corp. 100 100

Breslau, T. L. and F. 18 18%

B.A. Oil 22% 23%

B. & S. Corp. A 20% 20%

Brock Silk Mills 24 24

Burlington Steel 11% 12%

Canadian and Domestic Sugar 40% 41%

Canadian Grain Council 20 20

Canadian Pacific Railway 14% 14%

Canadian Pacific Airway 14% 14%

Canadian Pacific 10 10

Canadian Pacific Mills 25 25

Canadian Imperial Mills 19% 19%

Canadian National 17% 18%

A.F. Con. 18% 18%

Calgary and Edmonton 21% 21%

Calgary, Lethbridge and Edmonton 15% 15%

Imperial Oil 15% 15%

Inland Steel 10% 10%

Inter. Metal Indus. 4% pfd. 102% 102

J. D. A. 20% 20

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